Today's Forecast.
Snow and Much Colder Thursday; Generally Fair Friday.

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TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

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NEW GRAND—The Xmas Pantomime, "Little Red Riding Hood," 2 and 8 p. m.

BIJOU—"A Raised Hero," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

DUQUESNE—Imre Fox and Xmas vaudeville, 8 p. m.

EMPIRE—"The Major and the Judge," musical comedy, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

ACADEMY—"The Brigadier" Burlesquers, 2 and 8 p. m.

AVENUE—Marcel's pictures and a holiday vaudeville bill, continuous performance, from 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE AND ART GALLERIES—Loan exhibition, open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

DUQUESNE GARDEN—Ice skating.

HIGHER PAY FOR ALL COKE MEN

Independents, Employing 10,000, Will Meet Increase.

NOTICES GOING UP

Practically all of the big independent producers of coke in the Connellsville regions will join the H. C. Frick Coke Company in round wage advances to their men on January 1. This will mean that 10,000 workers of the regions outside of the Frick company will have added to their wages that year over $1,300,000 in the aggregate.

Some of the leading independent interests operating in the Connellsville region had arranged to make the concessions to their men at the same time as the Frick company. The new scale of the Frick company, soon to be effective under notice dated yesterday. Some of the other producing concerns had arranged to put out their notices at the same time, among them the Morrell-Connellsville Coke Company, the Washington Coal and Coke Company, the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company and the Bessemer Coke Company.

Many of the notices were posted throughout the region last evening and the men will read them this morning. All are substantially the same as those of the Frick company. Others of the independent coking interests which will meet the advance and make it effective January 1 are W. J. Rainey, Sutton, Brown & Cochran and the Trotter Coke Company. Some are following the lead of the Frick company as a matter of necessity. There is a scarcity of workers.

The United States Steel Corporation's coking interests will next week start a large portion of the coking plants in the Pocahontas fields of West Virginia, where the corporation has 6,000 acres of coking coal to develop. In a short time the plants there will be manufacturing between 7,000 and 8,000 tons of coke daily.

A report was started yesterday that the Carnegie Steel Company would announce advanced wages to take effect the first of the new year. It is the custom of this company to give a 30-day notice before readjustment, and the men do the same thing. There were no such notices in October and the wages will not be disturbed.

The new wage scale of the Frick company carries the sixth wage advance since 1894. In that period the mining rate was advanced by this company from 78 cents for 200 bushels to $1 35, as provided in the newspaper.

PHIPPS SENDS $10,000 CHECK

Is Christmas Present for Educational Alliance of New York.

TRAVELING IN INDIA

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]
Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 24.—Mr. Isidor Straus of New York, who is staying at the Lakewood hotel, received a letter tonight from Mr. Henry Phipps, Mr. Carnegie's former partner in the firm of Carnegie, Phipps & Co., inclosing a check for $10,000 as a Christmas present for the Educational Alliance of New York. Mr. Straus is the president of the alliance.

Mr. Phipps is now traveling in India. Mr. Straus cabled to him at Agra, thanking him for his gift and extending hearty wishes for a merry Christmas.

Mr. Phipps on reading last year's annual report of the Educational alliance observed that $2,500 per year would defray the expenses of a legal aid bureau, which was very much needed, and he immediately sent his check for that amount and stated that would enable the experiment to be made for the first year.

The annual meeting of the Educational alliance will be held at its building at the corner of East Broadway and Jefferson street, Sunday evening, January 5, at which, in addition to the report of the executive committee, addresses are expected from Dr. Maxwell, superintendent of the public schools, and Gen. Joseph Wheeler.

ASKS AID TO GET HER NEPHEW BACK

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Helen C. Sparhawk has asked the state department to aid her in recovering her 10-year-old nephew, Joseph Preston Ames, who was removed from Washington while technically in the custody of the District of Columbia supreme court and is now on the British steamer Seldor Princess en route to Buenos Ayres.

MR. VANDERBILT STILL IMPROVES

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Specially—Cornelius Vanderbilt is better tonight and there now seems to be every hope of his ultimate recovery. Dr. Flint and Dr. Janeway gave out this bulletin tonight: "Mr. Vanderbilt had a good day. His temperature was lower and tonight his condition is satisfactory."

Ex-Pugilists to Talk to Poor.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24.—At the Salvation Army dinner to the poor of Toledo tomorrow, James J. Corbett, Hon. L. Sullivan, Mayor Jones and the Rev. Edw. D. Kelsey will address the assembled diners. Sullivan and Corbett volunteered to act as waiters at the dinner, but the army suggested that they make a speech.

NATE SALISBURY IS DEAD

Great Showman Passes to Beyond from His Home at Long Branch. Popular and Prominent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Nate Salisbury, one of the country's best known showmen, principal owner of "Buffalo Bill's" wild west show and a heavy stockholder in the Barnum & Bailey company, died tonight at his home in Long Branch, N. J. He had been in failing health for a long time, but did not retire from the management of his interests until about a week ago. Stomach disease caused his death.

Mr. Salisbury was very wealthy and had lived in lavish style in Long Branch for several years with his wife and four children. He was known as the father of the style of entertainment known as farce comedy, and the inventor of as many kinds of amusement as any other person in America.

He was president of the Long Branch Propertyholders' association, and a member of the G. A. R., the Lambs club and the American Dramatists' club.

CASE IN HANDS OF PRESIDENT

Notes from Berlin and London Are Received at Washington.

VENEZUELA IS QUIET

[THE PITTSBURG GAZETTE BUREAU, Room 31, Postal Building, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.]

The formal notes of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, requesting President Roosevelt to act to arbitrate the Venezuelan claims, were received today. The requests are couched in such language that they cannot be construed to be an expression that if the president does not arbitrate there will be no arbitration. In other words, there is a way out for the president, and that way out is The Hague.

The probabilities are that within 48 hours the president will accede to the requests of the powers and arbitrate the question.

The formal notes from Great Britain and Germany were received at the state department early today. Before they were deciphered the president and Mrs. Roosevelt had gone on horseback to Tennallytown, and they did not return until early in the afternoon. After luncheon the president and Secretary Hay had a long conference.

The decision of the president may be made within the next two days. At the same time it is felt that since the powers have taken such a long time in formulating their terms, this government should not be hurried. There are many questions to be considered. Some of them have to do with the application of the Monroe doctrine.

Chief Mistake of Allies.

The allies seem to have put themselves in the position of aiding the revolutionists who are seeking to overthrow Castro's government. It would be impossible for the president of the United States to arbitrate if it should be shown that since he has made the offer German and Italian ships had been supplying a revolutionary party in the interior with arms and supplies.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Commodore Scheer reports that the German blockade of Porto Cabello began December 22, and that the blockade of Maricalbo by the German squadron began today.

The German cruiser Sperber is hurrying preparations to sail from Kiel for Venezuela about New Year's Day.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Italy's reply to the arbitration proposal of Venezuela through Minister Bowen and the government of the United States, among other things says Italy will be pleased if the question was settled by the arbitration of President Roosevelt, and adds that if he does not accept Italy will have no objection to submitting the solution to The Hague.

Dutch Steamer Barred Out.

LA GUAYRA, VENEZUELA, Dec. 24.—The Dutch steamer Prins Willem II, from New York, December 3, arrived off here this morning but owing to difficulties with the blockading squadron and to the refusal of her agent to pay the port charges, she left without communicating with the shore.

WILLEMSTAD, ISLAND OF CURACAO, Dec. 24.—The revolutionists, strengthened by the impossibility of the government suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country, and by the fact that it has no longer any fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's proposition that they turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela, by referring him to Gen. Matos, their only chief capable of dealing with the matter. The rebels have regained courage. The agreement which signed will form an armistice of 10 days, which ends today, has 3,500 men at Barquisimeto and 3,500 near Campas, but all others who had enrolled themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired.

The two contenders are now planning a march on Caracas by three roads.

RAILROAD MANAGER TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Charles G. Warner, vice president and general manager of the Missouri Pacific railroad, was stricken with a sudden attack of illness at the Noonday club this afternoon. He sank unconscious from his chair and physicians succeeded after an hour in restoring him to consciousness. He is resting easily at home.

Book Agent Drowned.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—William Gault, an old resident of Smithton, was found drowned in Barren run last night. He was a book agent.

FAST FLYING LIMITED ON THE FT. WAYNE CRASHED INTO LEETSDALE ACCOMMODATION

Rear End Collision at Quaker Valley Last Night Injured Several Severely. One Man Likely to Die.

STIRS ALL SEWICKLEY VALLEY

The fast section of train No. 5, the famous Pennsylvania limited, crashed into the rear of train No. 127, the Leetsdale accommodation, about 11 o'clock last night at a point just beyond Quaker Valley, almost directly in front of the residence of Charles Watts, general superintendent of passenger transportation of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh.

The big engine of the limited plowed into the rear car, the smoker, like a knife through paper, and this car was pushed through the one ahead of it, making the two cars the length of one. The crash was heard for a mile, and the limited, running at the rate of 35 miles an hour, carried the lighter train from Quaker Valley to Edgeworth, a distance of almost half a mile before it could be stopped. Many were injured, some of them possibly fatally.

List of the Injured.

CHARLES HOPKINS, a freight train conductor of Leetsdale, who was going home after making a special run. Left arm mangled and cut off, left leg broken and left eye gouged out, badly bruised all over; will die.

JOHN D. CARSON of Sewickley, member of the firm of Renshaw & Carson, grocers of Allegheny; nose broken, badly cut and bruised; condition serious.

JOHN STRITZINGER of New Castle, both legs fractured and the right leg broken.

H. T. POTTER of Allegheny, railroad telegraph operator, bruised and cut about the head and body.

M. J. JOYCE of Leetsdale, right leg broken and badly bruised.

ANDREW M'CULLOUGH of Edgeworth, injured about the head and shoulders; not serious.

ROBERT LEWIS of Leetsdale, bruised and cut by being thrown about the car.

CONDUCTOR FRANK AGUE, cut by glass about the face and head and otherwise injured.

MISS MINNIE COATTS of Leetsdale, cut by flying glass and badly bruised.

Injured Brought to Pittsburgh.

The injured were brought to Pittsburgh hospitals. They were temporarily cared for at the residence of Superintendent Watts by physicians hastily summoned from Sewickley and the adjacent suburbs.

The Limited was nearly one hour late last night in arriving at Pittsburgh from the east. No time was lost in rushing it on to Chicago. The Leetsdale accommodation left Allegheny at 10:44 o'clock, city time, and was in the path of the faster train. The accommodation was supposed to be out of the way of the Limited on another track or a siding.

W. J. Miller, division operator of the Ft. Wayne, was ordered to the scene of the wreck shortly after midnight to make an immediate investigation into the cause of the accident.

The accommodation had discharged most of its passengers at Quaker Valley, and was nearing the end of the run, at Quaker Valley. Just as the accommodation, after leaving Quaker Valley was getting under headway, the limited crashed into it, and for the next half mile the trains ran as one before they could be brought to a standstill. Cinders and cracks were strewn with big splinters from the coaches that were wrecked. At Edgworth the trains were brought to a stop, and the crews hurried out to inspect the damage. The limited was found to be uninjured, with the exception of the front of the engine, which had been smashed in. This locomotive was practically disabled. Two cars of the accommodation were completely wrecked.

As quickly as possible, the injured were

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POLICE ARRANGE TO RECEIVE HUMBERTS

Fugitives Will Be Taken from Madrid to Paris in a Special Car.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PARIS, Dec. 24.—As a result of conferences between Premier Combes and Minister of Justice Valle, complete arrangements have been made for the reception of the Humbert family now under arrest, but the precaution has been taken not to disclose what prison the fugitives will occupy or where they will be taken from the train, as a popular demonstration is feared. The government authorities are showing great activity in preparing for the prosecution of the prisoners.

M. Hennion, chief of detectives, who has gone to Madrid, is accompanied by four civil guards, four police inspectors and two of the best detectives in the service. It is expected they will occupy a special car with the prisoners, whose arrival it awaited in Paris with intense interest. The affair continues to be the universal topic for discussion and even affects the Christmas revelling.

The nature of the legal proceedings has not yet been definitely settled. The creditors are chiefly interested in securing the remnant of their assets and hurry at the foot for a meeting of the creditors with a view to arranging an equitable division.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 24.—Mme. Balsan, who was arrested on her arrival here yesterday from France, was released today. Mme. Balsan, Baleara was guarded by an intimate friend, Mme. Dubois, and with other members of the Humbert family, was arrested at Madrid in connection with the famous Paris swindles.

LAMP OVERTURNING STARTS A BIG FIRE

LAWRENCEVILLE, PA., Dec. 24.—The place was visited by a disastrous fire today. It originated at Spring's millinery store from an overturned lamp and all the buildings on one side of Main street were destroyed, including Wing & Gerwig's dry goods department store. The Dunlap block and opera house, the Darling block and five other stores were burned. The loss is more than $50,000.

LOUISE CONFESSES GUILT TO HUSBAND

Appeal for Absolute Divorce May Be Made to the Pope.

DRESDEN, SAXONY, Dec. 24.—It is reported here that the crown princess of Saxony left for her husband a written confession of her relations with M. Giron, together with a declaration of her unalterable intention of never returning to the Saxon court.

The court has no official information as to the present whereabouts of the princess, but it is known here that she is going to Mentone, France, to reside. The court at present is concerned with considerations as to the best course to pursue in the matter. It is believed that the pope will be appealed to to grant an absolute divorce.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Lokal Anzeiger today prints a dispatch from Dresden saying that King George of Saxony sent several of the highest police officials to Geneva to observe and report on the actions of the fugitive Crown Princess Louise.

A divorce of the crown prince and crown princess is regarded as impossible during the lifetime of King George, who entertains stringent religious scruples against divorce. The Protestant clergy, however, hope that Berlin will bring pressure to bear for a divorce.

The crown prince bears the crown princess's story in editorial statement in the Vossische Zeitung, one of the most careful newspapers published in Berlin, which adds: "Their disagreements reached this crisis in June, after Prof. Giron became the children's tutor. The princess at that time considered seeking a divorce and visited her best friend, the Princess Theresa of Bavaria, who dissuaded her. The princess, however, after returning to Dresden did not resume marital relations."

The sympathy of the people of Dresden seems wholly with the princess, who is of a cheerful, pleasure-seeking disposition. The crown prince loved to torment her. Among the writer's forbidden her were Tolstoy, Zola and Nietzsche.

André Giron is described as an idealist of the extreme type. It is related that his family once considered the question of confining him in an asylum because he refused a legacy on grounds of delicacy of feeling.

MISS BIGGAR NOT SATISFIED WITH VERDICT

Acquitted of Conspiracy, but Hendricks and Stanton Are Convicted.

RESULT LEAVES MUCH IN DOUBT

Even Jurors Cannot Explain How They Reasoned Out Their Finding.

TRY TO DO POPULAR THING

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 24. By one of the most remarkable verdicts ever rendered by a jury Miss Laura Biggar was this afternoon freed from the charge of conspiracy to seize by fraud the estate of Henry M. Bennett, while Dr. Charles C. Hendricks and Samuel Stanton, indicted jointly with the actress, were found guilty.

Not even the members of the jury were able afterward to explain by what form of reasoning they had arrived at this conclusion. All who were willing to discuss the matter at all denied that they had been actuated by sympathy for the woman in the case, or that the verdict was purely a compromise in order that they might go home for Christmas.

Even Miss Biggar, who has every reason to rejoice at the verdict, is far from satisfied with it, rightly declaring that if she is innocent the others, who presumably had only a modicum of interest in the result of the alleged conspiracy compared with hers, certainly are equally innocent. She also feels that the verdict leaves much to be desired, so far as vindicating her good name is concerned, for if Stanton did not perform the marriage of Mr. Bennett and herself, and if Hendricks did not officiate at the birth of a child to her at his sanitarium, she finds herself freed while the men upon the truth of whose testimony she relied to prove her innocence are declared guilty.

Case Not Yet Ended.

So deeply was she impressed with this view of the case this afternoon that she declared she would use every effort in her power to free Hendricks and Stanton. Before next Tuesday, the legal fault, a writ of error will be filed and an appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

"I am not very well educated, but I know right from wrong in such a case as this," said one of the jurors, and another remarked, when questioned, that he guessed "it was about what the public believed," and "reckoned the verdict would be popular."

Some of the jurors, it is apparent, took the view that Miss Biggar had devoted five of the best years of her life to the case, and should be rewarded. The conclusive was called together and a session lasting several hours was held. Col. J. M. Guffey and the anti-Hays Democrats decided that something must be done at once. Mr. Guthrie was urged to take the nomination. It is claimed that a promise was got from him. The resolution was then adopted. Charley A. Fagan refused to vote for it, and the Hays men are claiming him. George H. Stengel says that Mr. Guthrie will be a candidate.

Bigelow Marshaling Democrats.

While the Democrats were battling to maintain control of their party Mr. Bigelow was marshaling his lieutenants in the Democracy for Hays. Timothy O'Leary, George S. Fleming, John J. Sweeney, John F. Ennis, Joseph Hawley, James A. Clark, P. J. Barry, Martin Brophy, John Staley and others have turned in for Hays. Most of them were in conference with Mr. Bigelow yesterday. It is their duty to see that Democratic delegates friendly to Hays are elected at the primaries Saturday, or made friendly for him before the convention of Tuesday. O'Leary declares that Hays will be nominated and elected. He says that Guthrie told him a week ago that he would not be a candidate, and he is to be the Man at his word. Joseph Vichesalin of the Citizens party says that while some of the Democrats are showing independence now, they will all be "eating out of our hands after next week."

Mr. Bigelow declined to discuss the situation yesterday. He said that the skies were clearing and everyone at Citizens headquarters was happy. He has great confidence in the ability of his Democratic agents to deliver the goods.

Chairman Leslie of the Republican city committee refuses to talk about the fight between the Citizens and Democrats.

The Citizens organization of the Eighth and Eleventh wards last night indorsed the candidacy of William B. Hays. They called upon all voters interested in "honest government" to rally to Hays.

MARCONI TRANSMITS MESSAGE IN ITALIAN

Proof of Accuracy of Trans-Atlantic Wireless Telegraph System.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.—Wireless messages sent in Italian by Mr. Marconi to Gen. Brusa'di, first aide-de-camp to the king of Italy, to the lady in waiting to the Queen Dowager Margherita, and to the Italian minister of marine have been received at Poldhu, Cornwall, by operators who have no knowledge of the Italian language. This is considered an interesting proof of the accuracy with which messages may be transmitted.

The following message was sent today to the directors of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company in London:

My best Christmas wishes to my co-directors and their families, sent for the first time by trans-Atlantic wireless telegram.

(signed) MARCONI.

The Glace Bay station is closed for the Christmas holidays.

DAUGHTER FINDS HER PARENTS BOTH DEAD

Aged Couple Asphyxiated by Gas and Their Bodies Left for Holiday Discovery.

POTTSVILLE, PA., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—When Mrs. Kate Bender of Jefferson this afternoon came to Schuylkill Haven laden with Christmas gifts for her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mohn, both septuagenarians, she found them dead in their bed room.

The aged couple lived alone and the indications are that they died about 10 days ago, having been asphyxiated from gas from a coal stove on the lower floor. A week ago she called at the home of her parents, but finding the shutters and doors locked concluded they had gone off on a visit. When she made her second visit today she found the house still locked up.

This made her suspect something was wrong. She procured a ladder and effected an entrance through a second-story window and a moment later made the ghastly discovery. The lower limbs of Mr. Mohn were badly torn and gnawed from attacks by the rats and mice.

Pope in Good Health.

ROME, Dec. 24.—His holiness, the pope, celebrated mass in his private chapel tonight, after which he wished all present a merry Christmas and said, laughingly, "Do I look as if I had been ill yesterday?" The pontiff delivered the benediction personally.

THIRTY HURT BY EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE

Turf Exchange at Hot Springs, Ark., Blown to Fragments.

ROOM CROWDED WITH VISITORS

Victims Taken from Debris in a Terribly Shattered Condition.

TWO FATALLY INJURED

[1st Associated Press to The Gazette.]

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 24.—By an explosion of gasoline this afternoon in the cellar of the Turf exchange, a clubhouse and poolroom operated by Chambers & Walker, the building was badly damaged and 30 people were injured, 16 of them being in a serious condition.

The most seriously injured are: R. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the Turf exchange, both legs and both wrists broken; William Helweig, a blind man, manager of a bathhouse, both legs broken, will die; J. S. Meeks, Hot Springs, badly bruised and cut; Joseph Kinney, Hot Springs, both legs broken; Joseph Pace, hotelkeeper, Hot Springs, both legs broken; John Finnigan, plumber, Hot Springs, both legs broken; James Cowen, Hot Springs, both legs broken; William Metzger, a boy, Hot Springs, both legs broken and skull fractured, will die; James Coughlin, plumber, Hot Springs, leg broken; C. G. Parker, Milwaukee, Wis., both legs broken; Al F. Horchskiff, Hot Springs, knee fractured; T. Ozier, engineer, Hot Springs, both legs broken; H. George, New York, leg broken; F. Cranfield, Cincinnati, both legs broken, ribs crushed; Walter Powers, St. Louis, arm broken; Eugene Daly, Hot Springs, both legs broken; Thomas Phelan, telegraph operator, Hot Springs, badly cut; Mr. Donnelly, visitor, residence unknown, broken leg, also badly cut. Twelve others sustained bruises and slight injuries.

The poolroom was crowded with more than 100 persons, just as a race at New Orleans was being called by the operator the floor of the building seemed to rise and in an instant a report that shook the entire block rang out. The upper floor and back walls of the building fell on the mass of struggling men who endeavored to escape to the street. The entire house looked as if a tornado had plowed through its center.

Men were pulled from under the debris in a terribly shattered state. One of the most pitiable sights was when "Billy" Helwig, the blind manager of the Lamar bathhouse, was taken from the ruins. Helwig is widely known.

R. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the turf exchange and a well-known sporting man, is in a serious condition.

The exact cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. A report which is probably correct, says that a driver of a gasoline wagon was filling a tank in the cellar when the explosion occurred.

The following additional persons were taken from the debris tonight: K. C. Burch, Chicago, leg broken, not expected to live; W. S. McInerney, Louisville, Ky., internal injuries, will probably die; Henry Lindsey, New York, injured about lower limbs; J. C. Crawford, Cincinnati, leg and wrist broken; C. R. Donnelly, Chicago, forearm and knee broken, will die.

The police hold Ben Murray, who is alleged to be responsible for the disaster in careless handling of the high combustible. The bank roll of the pool room consisted of $57,000 and was blown away in the explosion, but the greater part of it has been recovered.

ROBBERS IN WILKINSBURG

Got Away With One Christmas Turkey After Several Futile Efforts.

Wilkinsburg is alarmed by housebreakings that have taken place this week. At least six attempts have been made. At the house of James Flanagan in James street the silverware had been gathered when Mr. Flanagan interrupted and shot after three fleeing men, without effect. The same night a bedroom window had been forced at the Hale residence in Mill street, when the burglars quit, finding the occupants awake. On Tuesday night John L. Hoffman thought he heard the burglars working at the rear of his house, No. 604 Penn avenue. He fired a revolver and two men ran from a nearby house, where they were trying to force an entrance. W. H. Robinson yesterday morning heard men in his cellar in East End avenue, and frightened them away by discharging his revolver.

A man entered the house of Harry Snyder in Pearl street yesterday morning and carried away the Christmas turkey and a loaf of bread. The Wilkinsburg police suspect one man, whom they are watching to corral all members of a gang.

MINE MULE JOINS LIFE SAVING CORPS

WILKESBARRE, PA., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A mule played an important part in the saving of a human life in the Powderly mine at Carbondale today. Charles Carden, a driver-boy, fell from a car and fractured a leg as he rolled into a mine hole full of water. Henry Jones, another boy, leaned far over the edge and grasped Carden's coat collar, but did not have strength to pull him out. They were far from help. The appearance of the mule at the foot of the shaft could spread the alarm and many weary minutes afterward a number of men appeared and rescued the boys.

Train Struck Loaded Trolley Car.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 24.—Six persons were seriously injured in a collision between an electric car and a Big Four freight train on a trestle here today. The injured are: James Williams, August E. Ruter, W. T. Adams, chief of police; Frank Trunk, Walter Ewery, all of New Albany; Brack Spicer, Big Four switchman.

BEST PIANOS IN THE WORLD.

Genuine Chickering, Hardman, Kroeger, McPhail, Behr Bros., Schomacker, Haines & Co., Kingsbury, Schubert pianos. Sold only by W. F. FREDERICK, the reliable piano dealer, No. 633 Smithfield street. Entire building. G. Schroeder, manager. Largest stock of pianos in Pittsburgh. Reasonable prices. Terms to suit.

OIL PRODUCTION.

Thirty-acre lease, third sand, wells pumping seven years. Location for three more wells. Price $2,500. Stalker, 320 Fourth avenue.

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived Dec. 24.

New York—Civic from Liverpool.
Scilly—Manitou from New York.
Hongkong—Athenian from Vancouver.
Hongkong—Empress from Vancouver.
Liverpool—Noordland from Philadelphia.
Liverpool—Oceanic from New York.
Liverpool—Ultonia from Boston.
Glasgow—Laurentian from New York.
Bremen—Cassel from New York.
Southampton—St. Paul from New York.
Antwerp—Finland from New York.

Sailed Dec. 24.

New York—St. Louis for Southampton.
New York—Cymric for Liverpool.
London—Mesabi for New York.
Naples—Vancouver for Boston.
Antwerp—Switzerland for Philadelphia.
Liverpool—Haverford for Philadelphia.
Liverpool—Teutonic for New York.

FLYING LIMITED CRASHES INTO ACCOMMODATION

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taken from the debris, and carried to the home of Superintendent Watts. Telephone messages were sent to Sewickley and within a few minutes many of the local physicians had answered the call for help. The injured were taken care of by Drs. William Murray, Robert MacCrum, Dewitt B. Nettleton, Thomas Graff, L. S. Chantler. Miss Brown, a trained nurse, also responded and helped dress the wounds.

Superintendent Watts' home was turned into a hospital, and many of the women of the immediate neighborhood came in to help. The entire valley seemed to rush to the scene and eagerly helped in clearing away the wreckage. Only two tracks, No. 1 and No. 2, were blockaded, and neither engine left the track.

The wrecking crews from both Conway and Allegheny were called, and messages were sent to the city hospitals making preparations to bring the injured to the city, as soon as possible.

Story of a Trainman.

In an interview with Engineer Morgan he said: "We left the city late, and were running at our regular scheduled time, which is very fast. The night was particularly dark and the snow was blinding. However, the block signals worked to show us the track was clear, and we were hurrying along at a good clip. At Quaker Valley, the white signal was shown, giving a clear block, but the next instant we had crashed into the train ahead of us. There wasn't a minute's warning, and it is likely that the heavy falling snow kept me from seeing the lights of the train ahead."

"It was a strange sensation. We crashed into the rear car, which was a combination smoker and baggage, and I could feel the big engine plowing through the car and the breaking timbers could be plainly heard in my engine. I shut my eyes for a minute, to figure out what had happened. The engine was brought to a stop, with a rush, but we had traveled a long distance—almost half a mile—in the meantime. My fireman and I climbed down to see what had happened. The accommodation was almost empty, having only about two dozen passengers, and most of them were men, who were seated in the smoker. It was within two miles of the end of its run, and was on time.

One of the passengers, whose name was not learned and who was not injured, said: "I was sitting in about the middle of the day coach, and had noticed the train was just pulling out of Quaker Valley, when I heard a terrible crash, and was thrown from my seat to across the car. It seemed to me that all the lights went out, for all got dark, and it was a long time before I could get to my feet. Finally the train slowed down and I managed to crawl out of the end of the car, where I had been thrown, I ran to help those who were really injured. We found Conductor Charley Hopkins lying under the debris, and he seemed to be in bad shape. I have never seen men work harder and get injured people out quicker."

The Limited secured another engine from Allegheny and proceeded on its run. None of the passengers of the Limited were injured but many felt the jolt of the collision. The porter of the train was slightly cut by flying glass.

Statement by Supt. Watts.

Supt. Watts found time to talk about the collision at 2 o'clock this morning. He said to a reporter for The Gazette:

"The signals we have in use on this part of our division are automatic, and therefore no blame is to be attached to any telegraph operator. Under the working of these automatic signals the red light would naturally be given to the limited at the Sewickley block while the Leetsdale accommodation was discharging its passengers at Quaker City. The heavy snow storm prevailing at the time the collision occurred was so heavy that it was almost impossible to distinguish the signals.

The accommodation had started up slowly after discharging its passengers and was going at the rate of about 10 miles an hour when it was struck by the Limited going at full speed. If the signal at Sewickley showed white instead of red, then the storm or some other cause had interfered with the proper automatic working of the signal system."

Six Railroad Men Killed.

TRINIDAD, COL., Dec. 24.—Six men were killed in a freight wreck on the Colorado & Southern railroad near here tonight. The dead are: J. Fox, fireman; ——— McDermott, brakeman; J. W. Goldtrap, engineer; ——— King, machinist; unidentified fireman and unidentified brakeman. The injured are: Elmer Pearce, engineer, and Fred Gilbert.

NAVAL OFFICERS GOT SMUGGLED LIQUORS

Case of Whisky Introduced as Evidence in Cases Being Heard at San Juan.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, Dec. 24.—The examination of witnesses before United States Commissioner Anderson in the case against Lieut. Commander George W. Mentz, United States navy, and James Brennen, an employe of the Country club, who, with others, are charged with smuggling wines and liquors from St. Thomas on the United States steamer Uncas and the lighthouse tender Laurel, was continued today.

A case of whiskey, addressed to Capt. Andrew Dunlap, commandment of the naval station here, which bore marks showing that it had come from St. Thomas, was introduced as evidence. Witnesses testified to having brought about 20 cases of liquors from St. Thomas on board the Uncas, October 22, for Capt. Dunlap, Lieut. Commander Mentz, Civil Engineer Charles W. Parks, Robert Giles, a government road contractor and manager of the Automobile Transportation Company, and a Mr. Lowndes.

COAL UP AGAIN.

Half Dollar Per Ton Added to Wholesale Price of Anthracite in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Sales agents of the anthracite coal roads received a Christmas present in a notification by wire to add 50 cents a ton to the carload price of hard coal. This advance makes the rate on carloads $7 a ton.

Dealers have no good reason to tax the extra 50 cents to the price to consumers, for very few of them are charging other than extortionate prices now.

They have been getting hard coal at $6 50 a ton an selling it all the way from $7 50 to $15, the demand being so urgent that customers do not care what they pay so long as they get what they need.

C. & P. RAILROAD ENJOINED.

Mayor Threatens to Use Fire Hose to Stop Workman.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Judge W. W. Hole of the common pleas court at Salem in chambers today granted the city of East Liverpool a restraining order against the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad Company to prevent the company from continuing work which they started some time ago in the city. The order was asked by the city council because the railroad company has failed to do as they verbally agreed at a recent meeting of a councilmanic committee.

Mayor Davidson states that if the company persists in continuing the work he will call the fire company out to stop it by turning water on the railroad employes.

Boy Commits Suicide.

LINCOLN, NEB., Dec. 24.—Adelbert Lemon, the 10-year-old son of the Rev. H. A. Lemon, state evangelist for the Christian church, shot himself this afternoon and died tonight. The boy was conscious for several hours after the shooting, and said the act was premeditated. He told the doctors that he had bought Christmas presents, had had a good time and waited to die.

No Gripe, Pain

Or discomfort, no irritation of the intestines—but gentle, prompt, thorough healthful cleansing, when you take

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents

IRON ORE A TREMENDOUS FACTOR IN PRESENT ERA OF PROSPERITY

Increased production of Lake Superior iron ore amounting to 7,000,000 tons in the year now ending, as mentioned on another page of The Gazette this morning, is a key to the story of the industrial prosperity now prevailing. This ore came down to the lower lake docks as a monetary item of upward of $28,000,000.

If its use had stopped with the production of Bessemer and basis open hearth steel billets it would stand as an item of $97,000,000. But converted into the many finished iron and steel products, as it was, like iron and steel bars, structural material, plates, wire and tubes, it means an additional monetary movement of about $129,500,000. This is in round numbers the additional gross earnings over the year before of the mills producing finished and partially finished materials in iron and steel.

CONSPIRACY TO ROB GRAVE OF HARRISON

Indianapolis Ghoul Confesses to Scheme to Gain Reward from Deceased's Family.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 24.—Supt. Taffe of the Indianapolis police today received a letter signed Wallace Simms, in which Simms admits himself to be a ghoul and makes public what he asserts to be a conspiracy that was hatched over a year ago to rob the grave of ex-President Harrison on the night after his burial.

Simms declares that the ghouls now under arrest were in the conspiracy to seize the ex-president's body, robbing the grave, even if the guards in the cemetery had to be killed. The body was to be taken to the office of a physician, who was also connected with the conspiracy, and there hidden until a reward should be offered.

The body should then be found by one of the ghouls along some outlying road and the reward thus obtained for the return of the body would be divided among the conspirators.

Simms not only confesses himself to be a ghoul, but seems to take some pleasure in informing the police that he has affected his escape and is now beyond the point of capture.

KILLED ON HER WAY TO BUY PRESENTS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—On her wedding anniversary, and while on her way to purchase a present for her husband, Mrs. George Kish, 22 years old, was struck and instantly killed by a Reading railway train this morning at the Ninth street and Montgomery avenue grade crossing.

PIANOS

May Be Had Until Noon on Christmas Day at Hamilton's, 335 and 337 Fifth Avenue.

Owing to numerous requests from out-of-town friends and others in the city, who cannot possibly come to select their piano, Angelus, Stella Music Box or other musical instrument, until this (Christmas) day, we shall be obliged to keep open store until noon to accommodate these friends, and any others who have been disappointed in like manner. We shall be happy to render service to all such persons, and, if possible, will deliver their instruments before Christmas evening.

As we still have many choice pianos in our stock at prices ranging from $200, $225, $250, $300 and up, and on easy payments if desired, you need have no fear of not being suited at S. Hamilton's, Hamilton building, 335 and 337 Fifth ave.

Catalogue Sent Free.

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Sole depot for the A. B. Chase, Fischer, Schumann, Hamilton and other fine pianos, and the Angelus, the only real piano player.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE TO PUERTO CABELLO

Bombardment Hurts Forts Little, but Country Looks Like Cyclone Struck It.

[Special Cable to The Gazette.]
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CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 24. Had a cyclone swept over the country in the vicinity of Puerto Cabello greater damage could not have been done, nor could greater suffering have been caused the inhabitants than has followed the bombardment of last Saturday.

I have just returned from a visit to Puerto Cabello, where I was permitted to make an inspection of the forts, after I had observed the surrounding country. The fortress, built long ago by the Spaniards, was little damaged by the shots from the ships of the allies.

From an officer attached to the Charybdis I learned that a much greater quantity of powder was burned by the allies than supposed. The German cruiser Vineta fired 20 shots of 836 pounds each. The Charybdis was even more active, firing 26 200-pound shots, 28 shots of 100 pounds each and 600 of the 50-pounders into Puerto Cabello. All this was done at a range varying from 1,200 to 1,500 yards, and within 52 minutes.

Considering the powder burned and the number of shells fired, the result does little credit to the skill and markmanship of the men behind the guns of the foreign fleet.

Five Injured by Collision.

ROGERS, NEB., Dec. 24.—Five passengers and trainmen were injured in a collision between the Colorado special and a freight train on the Union Pacific railway here today. The injured are: Engineer William Bay of the Colorado special; A. W. Cole, Chicago; Miss E. M. Murray, Orchard, Cal.; Mrs. M. J. Wilson, Lyons, Ia.; N. R. Seels, Ottumwa, Ia.

Boy Killed in a Mill.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Harry J. Updegraff, aged 19, was fatally injured at the Cambria plate mill this morning, dying in a few hours. A 600-pound steel plate struck him on the head.

The better a thing is the easier spoiled. Tetley's is best. Don't spoil it in making.

THANKS FOR PATRONAGE.

W. F. Frederick is Grateful for the Largest Business in His Entire Experience of More Than a Quarter of a Century—The Pittsburgh Store More Than Doubled Its Big Business of a Year Ago. Now for the Week Between Christmas and New Year Will Sell

Pianos 1/5 Off Regular Prices—Chickering 1/4 Off

SAVE $50 AND UP ON ANY PIANO

During this bargain week we will sell any piano in the house (and there are hundreds of them) at a discount of one-fifth off regular prices—except Chickering, which will be sold at a discount of 15 per cent.

Shrewd buyers who are willing to sacrifice sentiment to save money wait until AFTER Christmas to buy pianos. Any piano is as good this week as last. The loved recipient gets a neat envelope promising a piano, and that makes the heart glad. On the day after Christmas when prices have tumbled, we have a throng of buyers, who expect just such bargains as we give them.

This year bargains beat all the past. We allowed our real comfortable feeling after such a successful season to direct our hands in making the cuts in prices on our beautiful instruments. Hundreds here to choose from, some that have never been exposed for sale, that arrived late. We never allowed a chance of our stock getting low during the season. Some of the most exquisite Pianos ever turned out have got here—in time to be offered at a big reduction in price.

You see we have not pretended to make foolish sacrifice. We have made a big cut in the price, so that any one needing a piano can buy now and save $50 or more. You should not be misled by offers of Pianos at half or a third off. No dealer can make such reductions. We offer you the biggest cut we can and you will not find value elsewhere that even approaches ours.

We need not tell you what instruments we carry. You all know that

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Is sole agent for the (genuine) Chickering, Hardman, Kroeger, Schomacker, McPhail, Kingsbury, Behr Bros., Mathushek, Haines & Co., and other pianos—more than any one house in the United States offers—also the Mason & Hamlin and Estey Organs and the Chase & Baker, the only perfect piano player. Bargains in upright pianos from $100 up.

JOSEPH HORNE CO.

Weather—Snow, Colder. Thursday, Dec. 25, 1902.

Our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas to Each and All—The Merriest and Most Joyous You Ever Had.

Important.

Tomorrow the great annual economical events commence in this store. They are

First—The Annual White Sale, consisting of Women's Muslin Underwear, the Sale of Household Linens, the sale of new White Cottons, the sale of Shades, Pillow Cases, and of White Spreads, and the showing of new 1903 Embroideries.

Second—The clearance of all Christmas goods at reduced prices. In this sale there are opportunities for buying high-class goods, such as rare Bronzes, Art Pottery and Cloisonne ware, special lines of Dress Goods and Silks, that were on sale especially for Christmas gifts, and a great line of Toys, more and less soiled or damaged, at great reductions.

Another and very special announcement we have to make, is the exhibit, beginning tomorrow, of Imported Colored Dress Cottons, season 1903.

Details will be given in "The Gazette" of tomorrow morning and every one who delights in studying economy, is asked to read what we shall have to say through and through.

The Store will be Closed Today.

PENN AND FIFTH.

S. HAMILTON, 335 and 337 FIFTH AVENUE

On behalf of A. B. Chase, J. & C. Fischer, Schumann, Hamilton, Smith & Barnes and other and the wonderful Angelus, sold by the Hamilton house, wish to extend our sincerest thanks to the thousands who have purchased their instruments of us this year, and have made for us the most prosperous year in our business career of

Pianos

OVER ONE-THIRD OF A CENTURY

Wishing all our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and rejoicing in the assurance that we have contributed no small share toward making this a very joyous time in a multitude of homes which we have supplied with pianos, Angelus piano players, organs, Stella music boxes and other harmony-producing instruments, we again thank you and wish you all joy.

Very sincerely, your friend,

S. HAMILTON

Hamilton Building, Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh.

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In Beautifully Embossed Envelopes for Christmas

You can't give the boy or girl a more practical present than a Bank Book—showing a savings account started in a strong bank—

4 PER CENT INTEREST On All Savings Accounts

CHRISTMAS MONEY—New and crisp—especially for the accommodation of those who want to give cash for Christmas—Put up in handsomely embossed envelopes—

You can get a Christmas Bank Book by Mail as easily as though you were here in person.

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The Union Savings Bank,

CAPITAL, $1,000,000.

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Don't tell your Bank—Nor reveal it in applying for a Bond. Conceal it from your business friends—and spare the mental excitement of your family circle. The

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Ask for details and an appointment.

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and a very happy Xmas and prosperous New Year.

We beg to wish our friends and patrons all a very merry Xmas and happy and prosperous New Year.

We are indebted to you for far the most successful years' business this house has ever enjoyed—This being the first year for the new firm, the very liberal patronage is more than ever appreciated by both old as well as the new members of the company.

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233-235 FIFTH AVENUE

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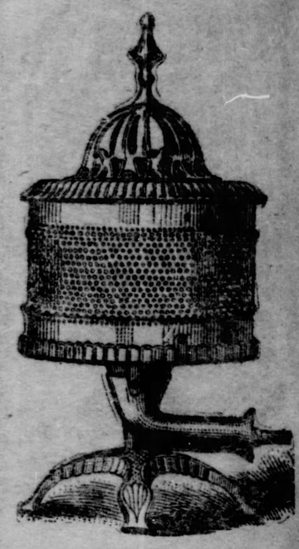
Largest line of gas heating stoves shown in the city.



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OPEN EVENINGS.

LAW MUST TAKE EFFECT AT ONCE

Millage Cannot Be Reduced Unless Corporations Pay Taxes Next Year.

A PERPLEXING PROBLEM

Franchise Ordinance to Become Operative January 1—Speedy Action by Councils Is Required to Collect Revenue for 1903.

Attorney W. B. Rodgers is preparing the general franchise ordinance to be introduced at the meeting of common council next Monday night by W. H. Stevenson, chairman of the finance committee. As stated in The Gazette Monday, the ordinance provides for a tax of 5 per cent on the gross receipts of all traction, gas, electric, water, steam heating and telephone companies.

Chairman Stevenson has estimated that the revenues from franchises will amount to about $1,000,000 a year. The gross receipts of the traction, gas and electric companies for the first five months of 1902, reported to the state, amounted to $5,773,615.

It is estimated that the total for 12 months will aggregate about $14,000,000. This does not include the telephone companies, the water companies, electric steam heating companies and the new electric light companies which are expected to produce $6,000,000 more. Five per cent of a gross income of $20,000,000 will yield $1,000,000 annually.

The city financiers are perplexed as to how they will ascertain the gross receipts of the corporations for 1903 without waiting until the companies make their reports to the state, which is not done until the following June. If the city waits until the companies file their statements with the auditor general in June, 1904, the taxes from franchises will not be available for the use of the city next year.

Attorney Rodgers and the reform leaders of councils are working on this problem and trying to fix on some method of settling accounts with the corporations promptly at the end of the year. To accomplish this a provision will likely be contained in the ordinance requiring the corporations to render their sworn statements and pay up by December 31, 1903.

This will be a month in advance of the end of the fiscal year, and will make it necessary to put the franchise law into immediate operation, starting the first of next month. Otherwise the revenues from franchises cannot be collected until the following year.

If the franchise law goes into immediate effect, as proposed, Controller Larkin will be able to reduce the tax levy for 1903 to 13 mills. If the law does not become operative until the beginning of the fiscal year, February 1, the tax levy will probably remain at 15 mills.

Chairman Stevenson stated yesterday that the franchise ordinance will be put through as fast as possible, and that the electric light ordinances, which have been adopted by the corporations committee, will also be passed immediately by common council.

SINGERS TO COMPETE.

Program Complete for the Eisteddfod to Be Held Today in Old City Hall.

Sweet Singers of Cambria will be heard today at Old City hall, on the occasion of the annual Christmas musical and literary festival under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Eisteddfod society. The exercises will begin in the afternoon and continue through the evening. Every patriotic son and daughter of Wales will attend and a large crowd is expected. A. J. Edwards will preside during the afternoon and Congressman-elect H. Kirke Porter will preside over the evening session. T. F. Williams will direct the music. Dr. L. E. Davis will deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the Eisteddfod association. The list of prizes to be awarded in the competitive contest follows:

Piano solo, "Spinning Song," $5; baritone solo, "Bedouin Love-Song," $5; soprano solo, "O Vision Entrancing," $5; recitation for children not over 14 years of age, "Mother," $3 and $2; double quartet, "I Will Exalt Thee," $20; Welsh recitation, "Dynrstr Jerusalem," $5; male chorus, 20 to 30 voices, $100; extemporaneous speech in English, three minutes, $3; tenor solo, Welsh song, $5; alto solo, "The Lord Is My Light," $5; duet, soprano and tenor, "Go, Pretty Rose," $10; ladies' quartet, "Annie Laurie," $15; recitation for adults, Hamlet's speech to the players, $5; mixed chorus, 50 voices, "Daybreak," $250; Welsh extemporaneous speech, $1.

The soloists who will contribute their talent to the entertainment are J. R. Roberts, Miss Edith Rowland and Dan Beddoe.

REPORT APPROVED.

Action of Court Makes Widening of Diamond Street Certain.

The court yesterday approved the report of the board of viewers in the Diamond widening case and the improvement is now a certainty. The city solicitor was notified that the report had been affirmed and the exception of Kaufmann Bros. had been dismissed. The following appeals from benefits and damages go to jury trial for adjustment: Pittsburgh Opera house, $270,000; Hugh W. McKee, $150,000; M. K. McMullen, $70,000; Joseph A. Michael and George D. Marshall, $7,500. The appeals from special benefits are Kaufmann Bros., $116,063; George Reineman, $37,50; Jane Sheppard, $9,456; Harriet Watson, A. F. Marshall and Julia Foster, $14,614.

The city will not be compelled to wait until these appeals are settled. A three-months' or six months' notice will be given the tenants of buildings which are to be torn down, to remove. This will delay the beginning of work on the improvement until next spring or summer.

ELECTION OF COUNCILMEN

Vacancies Caused by Death or Resignation Are to Be Filled.

Recorder J. O. Brown issued a proclamation yesterday which will be advertised today for an election to fill the vacancies in select and common councils.

A successor is to be chosen to John Faul, who died last fall; to W. S. Woods of the Twenty-second ward and W. H. Nichols of the Sixteenth ward, who resigned their seats when elected to the legislature. The elections will be held at the time of the city election on February 17.

Foreigners Quarrel Over Beer.

Alderman Humphrey Lynch of Allegheny held John Potack, a Hungarian, in $300 bail for court yesterday on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Michael Palevessa of No. 1607 Pettel street. The men quarreled over some beer and Potack struck Palevessa on the jaw with a wagon spoke, knocking four teeth out. When Constable Merriman went to arrest Potack he was set upon by the man's companions and had to knock four of them out before he could take Potack.

GRAIN-O
THE PURE GRAIN COFFEE

If you use Grain-O in place of coffee you will enjoy it just as much for it tastes the same; yet, it is like a food to the system, distributing the full substance of the pure grain with every drop.

TRY IT TO-DAY.

At grocers everywhere; 15c. and 25c. per package.

Wife—"Well, if I didn't forget to send John and Alice a present. What will we do?"

Husband—"Never mind, Mary; just call at

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and have them send one of those nice articles we saw in the window. They'll send it out quick."

Christmas and Gift giving last until Sat. nite.

CHRISTMAS DAY

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GIFT,

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I have it, I'll call on

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CUT PRICE SALE

The Value is Still There, but the PRICE is cut and cut deep. Don't bother about the money, come take your Pick.

CUT GLASS, CUT 5%.	GRAPHOPHONES, NO CUT.	COMBINATION CASES, CUT 25%.	COUCHES, CUT 10%.	DAVENPORTS, CUT 12½%.
ROCKERS, CUT 20%.	RUGS, CUT 12½%.	PARLOR CABINETS, CUT 20%.	NOVELTIES, CUT 30%.	WRITING DESKS, CUT 20%.
BRIC-A-BRAC, CUT 30%.	TOILET SETS, CUT 15%.	MUSIC CABINETS, CUT 15%.	QUEENSWARE, CUT 15%.	PARLOR STANDS, CUT 12½%.
LAMPS, CUT 25%.	DRESSING TABLES, CUT 30%.	LEATHER ROCKERS, CUT 30%.	CURTAINS, CUT 12½%.	PORTIERES, CUT 12½%.
SILVERWARE, NO CUT.	SCREENS, CUT 25%.	MISSION FURNITURE, CUT 25%.	PEDESTALS, CUT 20%.	DEN GOODS, CUT 25%.

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of your selections. Give orders very plain. We'll guarantee to have it around at the agreed time.

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Our force of extra help still retained for your special benefit.

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E. E. Heck, Cor. Liberty Ave. and Smithfield St., Pgh.
W. G. Schirmer, No. 431 Market St., Pgh.
Louis Emanuel, Cor. Grant St. and Second Ave., Pgh.
Hewitt & Jamison, Cor. Wylie Ave. and Fulton St., Pgh.
R. M. Sterrett, No. 6130 Penn Ave., Pgh.
Schilling Bros. Co., Cor. Penn and Frankstown Aves., Pgh.
A. R. H. Harper, No. 4730 Liberty Ave., Pgh.
Erskine Drug Store, Cor. Penn Ave. and Main St., Pgh.
E. J. Kretz, Cor Webster Ave. and Roberts St., Pgh.
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Christmas Was Appropriately Ushered in at Midnight.

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Yesterday a Hard Day for Santa Claus and His Assistants--Good Cheer Distributed in All Directions.

Christmas of 1902, in Pittsburgh, was ushered in by the cheery ringing of Christmas carols from the chimes in the lofty spire of Trinity church in Sixth avenue. On the stroke of midnight the bells rang out with renewed tunefulness and charm, for the first time in six years. It sounded good to hear the bells once more proclaim the glad tidings of peace on earth, good will to men. The bells were chimed for about 20 minutes, filling the air with the notes of old familiar hymns and the joyous melody of the carols that have come down from the Christmases of long ago.

Inside the church a midnight service was conducted. The rector of the church, the Rev. Dr. A. W. Arundel, made a short Christmas address. The Christmas Eucharist was offered and the famous surpliced boys' choir, under the direction of Walter E. Hall, organist and choir master, rendered a splendid musical program which included a special anthem during the offertory. The services concluded at 1 o'clock this morning. There was a good attendance.

Heavy Work on the Last Day.

Santa Claus worked hard yesterday and his assistants labored until long after midnight. The weary expressman and the mail carrier will endeavor to finish the work this morning. The people who sent gifts out of town finished their tasks early yesterday morning and the express companies and the postoffice people spent last night in handling the immense amount of in-bound business. It required many extra express cars to bring the presents from distant points to Father Pitt's residents.

Pittsburgh's charitable work at Christmas time centers largely in the annual distribution by the Toy mission, under the management of Maj. R. W. A. Simmons, and the annual dinner given to the poor under the auspices of the Salvation Army. It was the greatest year in the Toy mission's history. Over 12,000 little folks were made happy in consequence of its good work. No deserving child was overlooked. The children locked up in the pesthouse and in quarantined houses where smallpox exists were looked after as well as the thousands of little people in the slums.

Crowds at the Toy Mission.

The doors of the Toy mission in Sixth avenue were opened at 9 o'clock in the morning and the youngsters were entertained by a big lusty Santa Claus in the person of R. L. Dudley. A package of candy was given in addition to the usual bundle of toys or clothing. Every little girl was given a nicely dressed doll and every boy got a mechanical plaything of some sort. A wealthy resident of the East End called at the mission and invited one of the children to come to his home last night to hang her stocking on the mantle alongside that of his little daughter. This morning the child will return and find a valuable gift.

The packages at the mission were of all sizes and to facilitate handling, each ticket holder was asked the number of children in the family and a package corresponding in size was presented. Maj. Simmons' assistants were Miss E. J. Galloway, Mrs. Simmons, Miss M. M. Struthie, Miss Hoobler, Miss Agnes Young, W. E. Foringer, Miss Foringer, Miss N. Grant, Mrs. W. E. Cole, Harry Simmons, James Carothers, J. W. Houston, Mrs. J. K. Badger, Mrs. Chatley, Mrs. M. T. Hutchins, Miss Lulu Agnew, William Reynolds, Stuart Simmons, Elwood Kapeley, John Wendell, Fred Miller, Frank Boyd, Miss Lulu Staley, Miss Marcella Staley.

Many Employes Remembered.

On the Pittsburgh stock exchange between $300 and $400 was distributed among the employes. The various interests of George Whitney gave to the employes one month's salary as a Christmas present. These interests include the Hostetter Coke Company, owned half by Mr. Whitney and half by the Frick Coke Company; the firm of Whitney & Stephenson, the Fifth National bank, in which Mr. Whitney is interested, and the Farmers' Trading Company, which conducts the store business of the Hostetter Coke Company.

Henry Sproul & Co. kept open house all day yesterday and all the members of the stock exchange were invited to partake of the firm's hospitality.

Every employe of the Union Trust Company was presented with a handsome silk umbrella.

Through the munificence of H. C. Frick the engineers, janitors, elevator men, dispatchers and all the operating help of the Frick building were remembered handsomely last evening. When the help quit work for the night they were called to the office of Superintendent B. F. Foley and presented with souvenir envelopes containing new $5 bills. About 150 envelopes were distributed and the total amount given out reached about $750.

Messenger Boys Reaped a Harvest.

Yesterday was the biggest day of the year for the messenger boys, for nearly every message of greeting delivered, it mattered not whether it took the form of a gift of value or contained only a few words of cheer, was repaid with a liberal tip. The postman who from steady duty on a route becomes known to the families he serves, was one of the greatest receivers of the day and the request for new dollar bills for Uncle Sam's messenger, was heard on every hand.

Gifts to the number of over 1,500 were distributed among the employes of the H. J. Heinz Company, at its 27th annual entertainment held in the auditorium at the company's main plant, yesterday afternoon. Over the stage shone an electric star surmounting the words "Merry Xmas," while on the stage floor stood an enormous Christmas tree, also brilliantly lighted. The program included instrumental music, recitations and selections rendered by the employes' choral society of over 200 voices, led by Benjamin F. Butts. Flowers were presented to H. J. Heinz, the senior member of the firm, and to Sebastian Mueller, the head of the manufacturing department, by the female employes, while Mrs. Dunn, their forewoman, was presented a fine leather couch.

The Christmas celebration at the Heinz factory began on Monday when in the girls' dining room the firm tendered a dinner to the girl employes. On Tuesday a dinner was given to the men. At both dinners speeches were made by members of the firm and representatives of the employes.

Christmas in Institutions.

The little fellows at the Boys' Industrial Home, in Oakdale, will have the best Christmas today in the history of that institution. The Sunshine society of the East End has sent a quantity of games and books, plenty of candy and many useful articles. Treasurer Charles F. Dean has received a number of checks and numerous donations of varied character have been sent to the home.

A real live Santa Claus visited the Homeopathic hospital last night and was received in the big dining room of the institution, which had been elaborately decorated for the festivities. Dr. Howard Taylor of the hospital staff acted the part of Santa Claus and was loaded down with gifts provided by contributions to the hospital.

This morning Gusky's famous Santa Claus will make his yearly round of the hospitals and charitable institutions of the two cities with a big supply of presents for the inmates. This yearly pilgrimage is one that never fails to interest hundreds of people.

Holiday Travel Was Heavy.

Holiday travel yesterday on all the railroads was very heavy, thousands taking advantage of the special holiday rates. One of the oldest employes at Union station said last night that in his 20 years' experience at the station he had never seen the holiday travel as heavy as this year.

Many churches of Pittsburgh and vicinity will hold Christmas services today. The Catholic and Protestant Episcopal churches will have full ritual services and elaborate musical programs. Those of the other denominational churches that did not hold their Christmas services last Sunday will do so today.

In many of the churches a treat for the Sunday school children will be held either this afternoon or evening.

Christmas morning services, or sunrise services as they are called, will be held this morning at 6 o'clock in Calvary Methodist Episcopal church of Allegheny. This unique service was introduced last year by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. M. Thoburn. The exercises will consist of special song service and a brief but appropriate talk by the pastor. The women of the congregation have prepared a breakfast to be served to the faithful early risers in the church parlors, immediatel following the religious exercises.

DINNERS FOR 5,000.

Baskets of Christmas Cheer Given Away by Salvation Army and Volunteers of America.

Five thousand persons will eat their Christmas dinners at the expense of the Salvation Army. The headquarters of the army, No. 35 Diamond alley, were crowded to overflowing last night by the deserving poor. Each had a ticket, given them by some officer of the army, entitling the bearer to enough provisions and groceries for a family of six.

Staff Captain White had charge of the distribution, and when the time for opening arrived, 6 o'clock, there were nearly 200 persons in line, waiting in the rain and snow for the doors to open. The crowd was orderly, and when each one's turn came, he or she was handed the allotment. This kept on for many hours until the supply was exhausted.

These provisions are usually provided exclusively by the Salvation Army, but this year Miss Ackron, principal of the High school at Coraopolis, helped considerably with a large contribution of edibles.

Col. Herren, in command of the headquarters of the Volunteers of America, No. 253, Second avenue, distributed 225 baskets of food and dainties yesterday afternoon. Of the recipients, 163 families live in Pittsburgh and 80 in Allegheny. The baskets contained sufficient food to furnish good dinners to 1,700 or 1,800 persons.

THREW LAMP AT WIFE.

Woman, All Ablaze, Jumped from a Window, and Has Not Been Seen Since.

Isaac Sampson, in jealous anger, threw a lighted lamp at his wife. Both are colored. Mrs. Sampson, with her clothing ablaze, jumped through a window and has not been seen since. The police think she sought shelter with friends in the neighborhood. The couple live in rooms in the rear of No. 7 Junilla street, and the fire destroyed nearly all their furniture.

Sampson went home about 8 o'clock last evening and accused his wife of having a man in the house. This started trouble, of which the lamp throwing was the climax. Sampson is under arrest.

FEAST OF THE CANDLES.

Jews Celebrate Defeat of Antiochus at Jerusalem.

The Jewish Feast of the Candles commenced last night and will be continued for eight days. For 30 minutes in the evening a candle burned in every Jewish household in Pittsburgh. On each successive day another candle will be added. This ceremony is being observed in commemoration of the escape from destruction and slaughter of the Jews when Jerusalem was besieged by the Greeks, under Antiochus, and who was repelled by the Hebrew forces under Judas Maccabeus.

During the time the candle burned last night prayers were said, and no one in the household was permitted to do work of any kind. The orthodox Jews do not even permit the use of the candle's light to read by. While this ceremony is one of thanksgiving, it is purely one of the household, not of the synagogue. There are no ceremonies at the synagogue for the Feast of the Candles.

THE WEATHER.

Frigid atmosphere is predicted for Pittsburgh and vicinity today by the Washington weather bureau. A cold wave is reported to be coming from the northwest, and it will be accompanied by snow. This city is directly in the path of the cold wave, which the Washington forecast official predicts will arrive in this section today. Yesterday's maximum was 37 degrees and the minimum 25. The day was made miserable by a wet snow falling all afternoon and evening.

Colder

The Gazette weather service thermometers at Kaufmann's corner, at the following hours yesterday, registered:

12 noon	34 deg.	8 p. m.	36 deg.
4 p. m.	35 deg.	12 midnight	32 deg.

Time of sunrise today ..... 7:24 a. m.
Time of sunset today ..... 4:38 p. m.

Daily report for yesterday furnished by the United States weather bureau:

Time.	Bar.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m.	30.17	26	70	S.E.	Clear.
8 p. m.	29.90	36	95	S.W.	Snow.

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 24:

	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896
Maximum	40	49	41	41	19	23
Minimum	36	37	22	30	9	11
Mean	38	45	32	36	14	17
Precipitation	.02	0	1.19	0	T.	T.

Maximum temperature (2:30 p. m.) 37
Minimum temperature (6 a. m.) 25
Mean temperature 31
Normal temperature (for 31 years) 36
Deficiency in temperature for the day 5
Deficiency in temperature since Dec. 1 5
Excess in temperature since January 1 191
Normal precipitation (for 31 years) ..... .10
Precipitation for the day ..... .14
Excess in precipitation for the day ..... .04
Excess in precipitation since Dec. 1 ..... .09
Deficiency in precipitation since Jan. 1 ..... 4.09

Official Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Forecast for today:

Western Pennsylvania—Snow and much colder Thursday, with a cold wave; Friday generally fair, continued cold; winds becoming northwest and high.

Ohio—Fair, colder Thursday, with a cold wave, except snow in northeast portion; brisk to high west winds; Friday, fair and continued cold.

West Virginia—Much colder Thursday, with a cold wave, fair in west; snow in east portion; Friday fair; continued cold.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

Pittsburgh	26	Snow	New Orleans	50	PtCldy
St. Louis	22	Clear	Philadelphia	30	Cloudy
Columbus	18	Snow	Buffalo	24	Cloudy
Cincinnati	26	Cloudy	Cleveland	24	Snow
Indianapolis	16	PtCldy	Bismarck	8	Clear
Washington	36	Cloudy	Huron	2	Clear
Chicago	10	Snow	St. Paul	4	PtCldy
Cairo	40	Cloudy	Helena	12	Cloudy
Parkersburg	40	Cloudy	Cheyenne	20	Clear
Louisville	40	Clear	Salt Lake	42	PtCldy
Memphis	46	PtCldy	Denver	26	Cloudy
Kansas City	10	Clear	Omaha	6	Clear
Jacksonville	48	Clear	Rapid City	8	Snow
New York	32	Cloudy			

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LUNATIC WITH KNIFE CLEARED A STREET

Residents of Porter street, Allegheny, were badly frightened yesterday when Jean Waters, a Slav, aged 23, suddenly became violently insane and grasping a long knife, went about the neighborhood threatening instant death to any person daring to appear in the street. Waters' insanity is the result of a virulent disease with which he has suffered for several months.

For sometime past he had been employed in the Woods Run shops of the Schoen Pressed Steel Car Company. Yesterday morning his illness had reduced him to such a condition that he was unable to go to work. During the day he sat in his room singing and raising such a disturbance that the neighbors were attracted. Shortly before 6 o'clock Waters left the boarding house and began running madly up and down the street, holding in his hand a long-bladed knife. Children left their play and rushed into their homes to escape the insane man, and all the doors in the vicinity were locked by frightened women.

Officer Frank Pfarr was attracted by the screams of the man. He fought desperately with the officer before he was finally subdued and handcuffed. When placed in a cell the man's struggles became more violent and he tried to beat his head against the bars. The officers found it necessary to tie him hand and foot to prevent him from seriously injuring himself. His screams could be heard out in Ohio street. The department of Charities will take charge of Waters today and he will likely be sent to the hospital department of Claremont.

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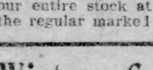

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Women's Floor Friday Bargains.

Children's Fur Sets of salmon colored Lamb's Wool, consisting of Muff and Collar; regular price $1.00; Friday..... 49c

Women's Nearseal, Marten, etc., Fur Scarfs, with cluster of tails; regular price $5.00; Friday..... $3.98

Women's Ice Wool Hand Knit Shawls, one-third off regular prices.

Misses' Cloth Dress Skirts, 27 to 37 inches long, in blue or black; Friday at..... $1.98

Choice of any $15.00 Walking Suit in the house, Blouse, Norfolk or Tight-Fitting Jacket style; Friday..... $10.98

Women's $5.00 Fur Beaver Scarfs with cluster tails; Friday..... $3.98

Girls' Long Coats, ages 6 to 14 years —$5.00 value—in blue, red and oxford, Friday... $3.98

Women's $1.50 and $2.00 Corsets; odds and ends of best makes; Friday..... 59c

Men's Furnishings.

Men's 89c Jersey Overshirts, winter weight, heavy fleecing; Friday only..... 50c

Men's $1.00 Cassimere Overshirts; some slightly soiled; choice Friday only..... 63c

Men's $1.00 Winter Underwear, in wool and merino goods; odds and ends; some slightly soiled; to close, Friday only..... 50c

Men's 75c Mocha Dress Gloves; unlined; Friday only..... 50c

Men's 75c lined Dress Kid or Mocha Gloves; fleeced lined; Friday only..... 44c

Men's 75c lined Working Gloves, odds and ends, Friday only..... 50c

Men's $1.50 and $2.00 English Squares and 4-in-Hands; finest goods; Friday only at..... $1.00

Boys' 89c Wool Sweaters; fancy striped; Friday only..... 69c

Boys' $1.00 Star make Shirts; stiff bosom style, with extra cuffs; Friday only..... 50c

Boys' 75c Fur and Plain top Kid or Mocha Mittens; Friday only..... 50c

Boys' 25c Wool Mittens; Friday only..... 19c

Boys' 25c Fleece lined or ribbed Balbriggan Underwear; sizes 24 to 34; Friday only..... 19c

Boys' 25c and 34c Waists and Blouses, in flannelette; Friday only..... 19c

Shoe Bargains.

Children's 75c Red Velvet Colonial House Slippers; sizes 5 to 8; Friday..... 49c

Men's and Women's $1.50 fancy cloth Bath Slippers; leather soles; Friday..... 89c

Women's Oriental Bath and House Slippers; value 50c; Friday..... 19c

Little Gents' $2.00 Enamel Lace Shoes; good, heavy soles—low heel; sizes 9½ to 13½; Friday..... $1.29

Women's $4.00 Patent Kid Dress Shoes; light turn sole; Louis XV. heel; Friday... $2.69

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Choice of any piece of Cut Glass Ware at One-Fourth Off the marked prices.

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Boys' Odd Knee Pants, in heavy ribbed drab Corduroy; well made; sizes 5 to 15; worth 50c; Friday at..... 19c

Boys' Sailor Blouse Suits, in plain blue Cheviot; well made and trimmed; sizes 2½ to 9; worth $1.50; Friday at..... 98c

Boys' Double-Breasted Blue Chinchilla Reefers, made with velvet collar and lined with heavy serge; sizes 3 to 7; worth $3.00; at..... $1.76

Boys' all-wool Double-Breasted Suits, in cassimeres or fancy mixed cheviots; slightly soiled; sizes 15 and 16; worth $3.00; Friday..... 73c

Boys' Russian Blouse Overcoats, in blue, green or oxford gray Frieze, trimmed with astrakhan and lined with serge; sizes 2½ to 6; worth $5; Friday at... $2.89

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Boys' 19c Polo Caps, with double band, in assorted cloths; Friday only..... 13c

Boys' 25c and 34c Golf Caps, with double bands, in assorted cassimeres, checks and stripes; Friday only..... 21c

Boys' 39c Cheviot, Serge and Plain Cloth Golf Caps, with double band; Friday only..... 25c

Children's 75c plain color (mostly light) Eton Caps, with double band; silk lined; Friday only..... 39c

Boys' and Children's $1.00 Astrakhan Polo Caps, with double band; Friday only..... 50c

Men's College Caps, with double band, in oxford gray and fancy mixed Cassimeres; 34c values; Friday only..... 21c

Children's 75c heavy Wool Toques, in fancy stripes; Friday only..... 59c

Children's $1.50 and $2.00 Astrakhan trimmed Tam O'Shanters, made with ear tabs; Friday only..... 98c

Women's Furnishings.

Women's 25c ribbed Vests or Pants; heavy fleecing; Friday only..... 18c

Women's fast black ribbed fleeced Vests or Pants; 63c value; Friday only..... 42c

Women's $1.00 Wool Pants in camel's hair; flat knit (no vests); Friday only..... 59c

Women's 15c fleece lined fast black seamless Stockings; Friday only..... 9c

Women's 50c Silk Garters, with fancy buckles; Friday only..... 36c

Women's 50c Belts, odds and ends in silk and satin; latest styles; Friday only..... 39c

Misses' 50c fast black ribbed Vests, Pants or Tights (not all sizes in Pants), Friday only 39c

Misses' 29c and 34c ribbed Vests or Pants; fleeced; Friday only..... 21c

Misses' 17c and 19c Stockings; odds and ends in wool or fleece lined; Friday only..... 17c

CAMPBELL'S HALF PRICES!

All Day Friday. Nickels working like dimes; quarters counting as 50c; half dollars go as dollars; dollars doing double duty. All Day Saturday

Odds and ends, belated arrivals, surplus goods, and the leftovers of dozens of Christmas stocks all go at fractional prices. Every Toy and every Game in the store, every Doll under our roof, lots of Fancy Goods, a good many Art Goods, a table full of Vases and Statuettes, a group of Cut Glass, some very desirable Wearing Apparel, a pile of Picture Books, all the Marred Books, Men's Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets, four Cuckoo Clocks—all these are scheduled to go. Hundreds of single articles besides the groups set forth in this advertisement.

One-Fourth Off on Furniture.

Good Furniture never sells for half prices. But six of our holiday lines will be closed out at a discount of 25 per cent from the regular figures:

REGULAR PRICES.

—Ladies' Desks, $7.50 to $24.
—Music Cabinets, $2.50 to $32.50.
—Parlor Stands, $5 to $13.50.
—Parlor Divans, $10 to $25.
—Upholstered Parlor Chairs, $3.50 to $20.
—Medicine Cabinets, $2 to $8.

Cuckoo Clocks.

Just four of these quaint German timepieces left when the store closed last night:

—The $5.00 Clock for $2.50.
—The $6.00 Clock for $3.00.
—The $7.50 Clock for $3.75.
—The $10.00 Clock for $5.00.

Fancy Stationery.

Three lines of fine Writing Paper and Envelopes in beautiful boxes drop about one-third from the Christmas price:

—75c Papetrie for 50c.
—60c Papetrie for 46c.
—39c Papetrie for 29c.

Rumpled Handkerchiefs.

A slightly soiled window of Ladies' Lace Trimmed and Embroidered Handkerchiefs of the 25c grade go for..... 12½c

A heap of Ladies' 10c Handkerchiefs, marred with pinholes and finger marks, go for..... 5c

Ladies' Umbrellas.

Although an Umbrella is not essentially a Christmas novelty, we find ourselves slightly overstocked with Ladies' 26-inch Umbrellas of the $1.50 grade, in a large assortment of pretty handles. So we knock one-third off, and will sell you about 50 of them for, each $1.00

Broken Lines of Ladies' Suits.

Perhaps you will find two dozen suits in the three lots which we have cut to half prices. Some are black, some in the popular colors, and every one is a desirable style. All sizes:

—$25 Suits cut to $12.50.
—$20 Suits cut to $10.00.
—$15 Suits cut to $7.50.

Finest Trimmed Hat in Our Store for Ten Dollars.

All our swell Trimmed Hats, in the finest velvets and chenilles, variously decked with ostrich plumes and other rich garniture—hats that are millinery masterpieces, made to retail for $15, $18, $20, $25 and $30, will be displayed on a single table with a single price card denoting their common fate. A uniform price of.... $10

Fancy Goods at Half Prices.

Smoking Tables, Smoking Stands, Smokers' Sets, Tobacco Boxes, Fancy Metal Frames, Mirrors, Ink Stands, Ash Receivers, Pin Trays, Jewel Cases and Imitation Bronze Statuary with Onyx Bases.

Collar-and-Cuff Boxes.

These were sold so close to cost that one-fourth is all we can possibly take off from the regular prices. In fine leather.
—Former Prices, 89c to $5.00.
—Clearing Prices, 67c to $3.75.

Three Stunning Bargains in Misses' Coats.

These are coats to fit girls from 6 to 16 years old.

—Full length "Monte Carlos," the very latest shades, quick sellers at $7.50. All colors and sizes, for $5.00.

—Misses' All-Wool Kersey "Monte Carlos," with triple capes, satin piped. All sizes and colors. Cut from $10 to $7.98.

—Misses' medium length Coats (these stop at 12-year sizes), in Meltons—brown, blue and gray—trimmed in cloth of a different color, with half-fitted backs and box fronts. Cut from $3.50 to $2.

Best Values in Furs.

Particularly good Ladies' Boas and Muffs in fox and mink, at $10, $15, $20, $25, $30 and upward to $50.

Children's Fur Sets in a variety of skins.
—Worth from $1.98 to $10.00.
—Now $1.25 to $7.50.

Perfumes in Fancy Boxes.

An assortment of the best odors, all triple extracts of renowned make:

—25c Boxes for 17c.
—50c Boxes for 33c.
—75c Boxes for 50c.

Commotion Among the Ladies' Coats.

Many a pretentious garment finds its price fairly cut in two. Our figures are less than half what most firms announce as "values."

—Ladies' "Monte Carlo" Coats, with cape and the new sleeves—Oxford gray, castor, tan, brown, blue and black, satin-piped, with velvet collar, all sizes—very swell garments for young ladies, cut from $10 to $6.50.

—Ladies' fine All-Wool Kersey "Monte Carlo" Coats, with the very latest sleeves, velvet collar and satin lining—black, navy, royal, brown and castor. Cut from $13.50 to $9.50.

—Fine black Peau de Soie "Monte Carlo" Coats, very dressy, cut from $18 to $12.50.

—Ladies' fine black Kersey Jackets, lined with satin serge, all sizes, cut from $7.50 to $5.00.

—Ladies' very fine All-Wool Kersey "Monte Carlos," with velvet collars and extra good satin lining, cut from $18 to $12.50.

—Ladies' Double Cape "Monte Carlos," in very fine black All-Wool Kerseys—cape and cuffs silk trimmed, extra fine satin lining, cut from $20 to $15.

—Ladies' full length Storm and Street Coats, in Oxford grays, with box and half-fitted backs, with velvet collars, cut from $10 to $7.50.

Clocks, Mirrors and Candlesticks.

These are handsome gold-plated timepieces and candlesticks for the dresser or the mantel, whose original prices were $1.00 to $9.75. We cut the cheapest to 75c, and will let you have the most ornate one in the store for $6.50.

Pyrographic Novelties.

Handsome Burnt Wood Placques, Frames, Pipe Racks and other devices—HALF PRICES.

Burnt Leather Goods, Photo Frames, Card Cases, Cigar Cases, Engagement Pads, Pillow Tops and Center Pieces—HALF PRICES.

Ladies' Waists.

Three hundred French Flannel and Albatross Waists in a variety of good shades and a diversity of novelty effects, worth $3.50, for..... $1.75

Ready-to-Wear Hats.

We make two round-ups of our Ready-to-wear Hats now—the very good and the "just good."

—The very good Hats are in fine materials and trimmed with the greatest taste. Sold earlier in the season they would have brought $2.48. We cut the price now to..... $1.24

—Of the "just good" Hats there are perhaps two hundred. All sorts of shapes, kinds and conditions of headwear. These are just the hats for marketing, for rainy-day wear and other occasions where your best hat might get hurt. Uniform price..... 25c

Poster Pictures.

A lot of Golf and College Girls, Fencing Girls, Girls of the Period, Hunting Scenes, Dog Heads, Club Pictures, etc.—

—19c Group for 10c.
—25c Group for 13c.
—50c Group for 25c.

Fancy Baskets.

Work Baskets and Scrap Baskets of the more ornate order drop one-third from their Christmas prices:

—25c Baskets for 18c.
—$1.00 Baskets for 67c.
—$1.50 Baskets for $1.00.
—$2.25 Baskets for $1.50.

Dismissal of the Dolls.

Dressed, Undressed, Kid Body and Jointed Dolls:

— 50c Dolls dismissed at 25c.
— 75c Dolls dismissed at 38c.
—$1.00 Dolls dismissed at 50c.
—$1.50 Dolls dismissed at 75c.

And so on up to $5.00 Dolls at $2.50.

Silver-Plated Ware One-Third Off.

In this collection you will find Bon Bon Dishes, Ash Receivers, Match Holders, Vaseline Jars, Candlesticks, Cake Baskets and many single pieces of the novelty order.

Sterling Silver Toilet and Manicure Sets which were $1.50 to $15.00, now priced at $1.00 to $10.00.

Picture Books—Boys' and Girls' Books.

The pretty Color Books, Animal Books, A-B-C Books and other illuminated literature of childhood—HALF PRICES.

A big lot of 39c and 50c cloth bound books, including boys' and girls' books and standard works by well-known authors, for..... 25c

Cut Glass.

There's only enough Cut Glass left to supply two or three families—a few Water Bottles, Pitchers, Olive Dishes, Sherbet Glasses and Tumblers. Its glittering brilliancy will certainly interest you at HALF PRICE.

Fancy Goods, etc., at Half Prices.

Decorated Celluloid Collar-and-Cuff Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Necktie Boxes, Toilet Sets and Photograph Albums in celluloid and leather covers.

Toys and Games.

Everything in the line of Children's Playthings at Half Price, without reservation.

ONE LIFE LOST IN BOAT WRECK

Employe of Drake & Stratton Drowned in Disaster to the Margaret.

BODY NOT RECOVERED

The Towboat Became Unmanageable and Was Cut in Twain on a Pier of the Ninth Street Bridge. The Crew Was Rescued.

Against the midstream pier of the Ninth Street bridge the townboat Margaret lies a helpless hulk. Somewhere in the submerged wreck or in the swirling eddies that play around its shattered timbers is imprisoned the body of a man whose life was sacrificed in the disaster. The boat is owned by the Rodgers Sand Company, and was wrecked shortly before noon yesterday by striking the false work of the new Ft. Wayne railroad bridge.

The victim was employed as a hoisting engineer by the contracting firm of Drake & Stratton. His name is thought to be Joseph Donaldson. At first it was thought that no lives were lost, but when the man was discovered to be missing and did not report at Drake & Stratton's office last night Capt. W. B. Rodgers concluded that the engineer must have been drowned. A futile search for his body was made yesterday evening, but was abandoned at nightfall.

The Margaret was in charge of Capt. Samuel Carter. Part of the tow struck the false work of the Ft. Wayne bridge and was sunk. Control of the boat was lost and she floated down the stream, striking the sharp edge of the pier on her broadside and was broken in twain. The water covered her boiler decks, and Frank Bowes, the pilot, was saved by leaping into the river and swimming toward a skiff manned by Samuel Hazlett, an employe on a neighboring coal float. The other members of the crew, including two women, were rescued by men from the towboat Monterey.

Capt. Rodgers estimates his loss at $12,000. In case the river subsides, a part of the wreckage may be saved. Capt. Rodgers says the wreck was due to the narrowness of the open space between the false work of the railroad bridge.

WHITE CHRISTMAS FOR PITTSBURGH

Frigid Weather, Traveling Fast from Northwest, Expected to Arrive Here Today.

Pittsburgh will have a "white" Christmas after all; also, frigid atmosphere, as a cold wave of severe intensity is predicted by Forecaster Frankenfield of Washington, D. C., for this section today. Yesterday the atmosphere cooled considerably, and during the afternoon snow flurries set in. Toward evening the snowfall became more heavy, but as it was of the wet variety, the streets were made sloppy and wet. This, however, did not deter the big crowds of Christmas shoppers.

Shortly after 11 o'clock last night, while the streets were still crowded with shoppers and pleasure-seekers, a heavy snowstorm suddenly set in, and within 15 minutes roofs were covered with a white mantle. By midnight there was a layer of about an inch of snow in the outlying districts.

The cold wave began to make itself felt before darkness set in this evening. The report sent out from Washington late in the afternoon stated that the temperature, locally, would fall to about 10 degrees above zero during today. Commission merchants and dealers in perishable goods immediately took the necessary precautions to protect their goods being destroyed by frost, and as the warning came some hours before the van of the wave appeared, the damage will not be heavy.

About Bismarck, N. D., the section from which the cold wave is coming, there was a fall of 6 degrees in the temperature during the day. At 8 o'clock last night it was reported to be 8 degrees below zero, and Bismarck was the coldest place in the United States. The forecast for Pittsburgh today is snow and colder, and for tomorrow, cold.

POLICEMAN KILLS HIS ASSAILANT

A Homestead Officer is Attacked and Uses His Gun With Deadly Effect.

George Bartok was shot and instantly killed in Homestead last night by Policeman Alexander McAllister. The officer claims that he was attacked and used his gun in self-defense.

Bartok lived at Third avenue and Dixon street, Homestead. There have been a number of robberies in that vicinity and McAllister had been assigned to do special work.

Shortly after 10 o'clock McAllister was passing the corner, when, he claims, Bartok bit him on the hand. The officer was thrown to the ground. He used his gun and the foreigner was shot through the heart, dying instantly. During the scuffle, it is claimed, several shots were fired.

John Cush found both men lying in the street. Bartok was dead and the policeman unconscious. When McAllister recovered his senses he told the story given above. McAllister was so badly wounded about the head that he was removed to Mercy hospital.

The home of Bartok was near by. His wife and four boarders say that they did not hear a shot. They claim that Bartok had been playing cards and had just stepped out of his house a few minutes before Cush reported his death. Neighbors say that they heard several shots.

BURIAL AT MT. CLEMENS.

Services Will Be Conducted Over Remains of Pittsburgh Man by Episcopal Clergyman There.

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The remains of Henry M. Lorenz of Pittsburgh, who died at Mt. Clemens yesterday, will be interred in the Protestant cemetery in Mt. Clemens on Sunday afternoon. The funeral services, which are to be private, will be conducted at the Lorenz home by an Episcopal clergyman. The body was embalmed today at the request of Mrs. Lorenz.

Attorney Oscar Longershousen of Mt. Clemens, who has been placed in charge of Mr. Lorenz's affairs, today purchased half of a lot in the Mt. Clemens cemetery on instructions from the widow.

All inquiries for information to Mrs. Lorenz are referred to her attorney.

A. W. Mellon in a New Project.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Greensburg is to have another trust company. The principal stockholders will be James A. Clarke, Edward H. Bair of Greensburg and Andrew W. Mellon of Pittsburgh. The company will have a capitalization of $300,000.

Latest Fall and Winter Novelties, in suitings, trouserings and overcoatings. PITCAIRN'S, 434 Wood Street.

WRECK OF THE STEAMER MARGARET

(Sketched by a Gazette Staff Artist.)

RAILROADS CLAIM SEVERAL VICTIMS

Sudden Death Enters Many Homes and Makes Yuletide a Season of Mourning.

A MAN IS FOUND DEAD

Harry Conklin, aged 14, of No. 119 Sherman avenue, Sharpsburg, died at the West Penn hospital last night from injuries received by falling from a freight train at the Pine Creek tower on the West Penn railroad Tuesday evening.

While working on a new building at Ninth and Carson streets, South Side, yesterday afternoon, Charles Carlisle of No. 9 Renwick street, was struck by a falling piece of structural iron and badly crushed. Just as the ambulance reached the Mercy hospital door Carlisle died. He was 19 years old and had been employed by the McClintock-Marshall Construction Company for some time.

Cova Consolvia of Pitcairn had his neck broken last night by being struck by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad near his home, and instantly killed.

Stanley Younes, 16 years old, died yesterday at the County home at Woodville from injuries received on December 16 in a powder explosion at his home at Borland, three miles from Woodville. Youne's father is a miner and kept powder for blasting purpose in his house. The young man ignited it by letting a lighted match or a spark from his pipe drop into the can. The concussion was so heavy that the house was wrecked and members of the Younes family bruised by flying splinters.

Earl Gray, 20 years old and single, of No. 105 Miller street, Knoxville, who was one of five persons injured in the head-on collision between freight trains at West Brownsville a week ago, in which Engineer John McCoy was killed, died yesterday morning at the West Penn hospital from his injuries. He was fireman for Engineer McCoy.

Steve Lengyem of Munhall hollow, a laborer 27 years old, was instantly killed at noon yesterday by a furnace door falling upon him at the Homestead steel works.

HATT AND HIS GEM WERE SOON PARTED

Man Came from Charleroi to Start Christmas and Was Made a Victim.

J. J. Hott, who says he is from Charleroi, claims to have lost a $125 diamond stud in McCarthy's cafe, Wood street, yesterday afternoon. James Church, a young man who was one of a crowd with whom Hott was drinking, was arrested on suspicion that he knew something about the disappearance of the gem.

Hott's story was that he came to the city yesterday morning to make a few Christmas purchases. The diamond stud caught his fancy and after purchasing it he placed it in a large pocketbook which he carried in his hip pocket. At McCarthy's he was a "good fellow" and bought several rounds of drinks for the chance acquaintances he made at the bar. He showed his new purchase often and indiscriminately. After a time he missed his pocketbook when he wanted to exhibit his sparkler another time.

Hott then went to Officer Michael Flinn, at Fifth avenue and Wood street, and the arrest of Church followed the recital of the tale of his loss. Church was turned over to Detectives Albert H. Swinehart and Harry Merritt who "sweated" him and found sufficient grounds for detaining him until this morning.

Church, when arrested, said he lived in Allegheny, and claimed he was the son of respectable parents. When "sweated" he said he had been in Pittsburgh a week and came from New York.

TWO SLEEPY ONES BEHIND THE BARS

Local Detectives Make What Is Considered an Important Capture.

NAB STRONG ARM MEN

John Donehoo, alias John Smith, known to the police as "Sleepy John," and his brother, George Donehoo, known as "Sleepy George," were arrested at Smithfield street and Fourth avenue, late yesterday afternoon, and are being held as suspicious persons.

The arrest, which is considered an important one, was made by Detectives William Elmore and Charles Aymer. The two men were in the act of entering the postoffice and mingling in the crowd there when taken into custody. The detectives are elated over their capture and say that two of the best "strong arm" men in the country are under cover.

John Donehoo, according to the police, has a worse record than his brother. Both men are believed to have come to Pittsburgh to turn several tricks. The police say they are burglars, pickpockets, "hold-up" men, "panhandlers" and safe crackers. Their records are known all over the country and pictures of both are in the local rogue's gallery.

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JOYOUS ANTICIPATION TURNED TO SORROW.

Charles Ragen, a steel worker of Braddock, went to Johnstown, Pa., yesterday to spend Christmas with his wife and little girl, whom he had not seen for several weeks. On the train he was informed of his wife's death. Ragen then received the first intimation that his wife had been sick. She died in the Johnstown pesthouse on Tuesday of smallpox. Ragen went to the pesthouse, but was unable to see the remains.

Child Burned to Death.

ASHTABULA, O., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Lottie, the 3-year-old daughter of Charles Cragon, was burned to death last evening. While her mother was out of the house for a few minutes, the child, who was hunting for a box of candy, lit a match, setting her clothing on fire.

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DEATHS.

BELL—On Monday, December 22, 1902, SAMUEL BELL, aged 72 years.

Funeral services at his home, near Salina Pa., on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Homewood cemetery.

BLAZIER—At St. John's Lutheran home, McClure avenue Allegheny, MATILDA BLAZIER, in the 75th year of her age.

Funeral services at the Home on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment private.

BLISS—Suddenly, on Monday, December 22, 1902, at 5 p. m., at her residence, Ohio township, MRS. ELIZABETH BLISS, in her 58th year.

Funeral services on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Carriages will leave end of Perrysville avenue car line at 8 a. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

BOLTE—On Tuesday, December 23, 1902, at 12:45 p. m., JOHN BOLTE, beloved husband of Carrie Bolte (nee Holder).

Notice of funeral later.

BROOKS—On Monday, December 22, 1902, at her residence, corner Bonnet and Cross streets, Crafton, MARY H., widow of James D. Brooks.

Funeral services this evening at 8 o'clock. Interment Thursday morning at Florence, Washington county, Pa.

GILMORE—On Wednesday, December 24, 1902, at 7:30 a. m., at his residence in Elliott borough, SAMUEL GILMORE, aged 37 years.

Funeral on Friday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GOE—On Tuesday, December 23, 1902, at 12:45 p. m., JOEL S. GOE.

Funeral services at the residence of John D. Bailey, No. 362 California avenue, Allegheny, on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment private at Brownsville, Pa.

LORENZ—On Tuesday, December 23, 1902, at 12 o'clock noon, at Mt. Clemens, Mich., W. M. LORENZ, of Pittsburgh.

Notice of funeral later.

NEEB—On Tuesday, December 23, 1902, at 10 p. m., MRS. ELIZABETH NEEB (nee Voegtly), widow of William Neeb, aged 75 years 10 months 1 day.

Funeral services on Saturday, December 27, at 2 p. m., at her late residence, No. 210 Stockton avenue West, Allegheny. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

RICHARDS—On Wednesday, December 24, 1902, at 3:15 a. m., MARGARET RICHARDS, aged 75 years, 2 months, 13 days.

Funeral from her son's residence, No. 2011, Market street, Allegheny City, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SHAFER—On Wednesday, December 24, 1902, at 1:35 a. m., at his home, Emsworth, Pa., JACOB S. SHAFER, husband of Catherine Koehler Shafer, aged 69 years.

Funeral services on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Members of Clifton lodge No. 1060, I. O. O. F., and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private later.

SPENCER—On Tuesday, December 23, 1902, at 6 a. m., ALICE KERR, youngest child of Arthur R. and Nellie N. Spencer, aged 18 months.

Funeral services at the family residence, No. 1910 St. Clair terrace, Allegheny, on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

WALKER—On Tuesday, December 23, 1902, at 6 a. m., at McKeesport, Pa., MISS GRACE WALKER, aged 32 years.

Funeral services at the home of her mother, Ninth street, Aspinwall, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private at a later hour. [Newark (N. J.) papers please copy.]

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BLIZZARD RAGING IN THE NORTHWEST

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—Dispatches received here tell of a 40-mile wind and rapidly falling temperature at points in Minnesota and the Dakotas. The mercury in the Red river valley is 12 below and will reach 20 below or more before morning. Train service in South Dakota is crippled. No train from the west has reached Huron during the day.

Wreck at Willow Grove.

A wreck occurred on the Pittsburgh & Western tracks in the Willow Grove yards, near Millvale, last night. The two rear cars of a freight train being drawn into a siding were hit by a passenger train. Two gondola cars were thrown across the tracks and blocked all traffic until a late hour last night. The passengers were badly shaken up and several persons were slightly injured.

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Columbus and Cincinnati	* 4:50 am	*10:15 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 5:20 am	† 8:40 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 9:20 am	† 2:55 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	† 5:20 am	† 1:10 pm
Alliance and Wooster	† 5:40 am	†11:30 pm
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Ohio Valley Express	* 8:45 am	* 8:05 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	* 9:00 am	* 5:30 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	* 7:00 am	* 5:30 pm
Tiffin and Toledo	† 7:00 am	† 5:30 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 9:30 am	† 4:55 pm
E. Liverpool and Bellaire	† 5:30 am	† 5:55 pm
Cleveland Fast Line	* 8:00 am	* 5:40 pm
Columbus and Cincinnati	* 8:00 am	* 5:40 pm
Erie, Mercer and Oil City	* 8:05 am	*10:25 am
N. Castle and Jamestown	* 8:05 am	* 5:50 pm
Youngstown & Ashtabula	* 8:05 am	† 5:50 pm
Youngstown & Ashtabula	* 8:05 am	*10:05 pm
Columbus and Chicago	*12:25 pm	* 2:00 pm
Youngstown & Jamestown	*12:35 pm	* 8:20 am
N. Castle and Ashtabula	*12:35 pm	* 2:30 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	† 1:25 pm	† 1:25 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 1:25 pm	† 1:25 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	* 1:30 pm	*12:25 pm
New Castle and Erie	* 4:35 pm	* 8:50 pm
Youngstown and Niles	* 4:35 pm	* 5:50 pm
Mercer and Oil City	* 4:35 pm	* 8:50 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 4:40 pm	† 1:30 am
Cleveland Special	* 5:00 pm	*11:30 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	* 5:10 pm	† 10:10 am
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Buffalo & Erie Express	† 4:20 pm	* 6:05 am
Cleveland & Chicago Ex.	* 2:30 pm	* 1:00 pm
Boston Special	* 4:20 pm	* 6:05 am
Chic. & Cleveland "Flyer"	‡ 6:00 pm	‡11:15 am
Buffalo & Cleveland Ex.	*10:30 pm	* 6:05 am
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Beaver Falls Accom	† 6:30 am	† 8:35 am
Beaver Falls Accom	† 9:00 am	† 1:30 pm
Beaver Falls Accom	*12:10 pm	† 9:30 am
Beaver Falls Accom	† 3:30 pm	†12:30 pm
New Castle Express	† 4:20 pm	† 7:30 am
Beaver Valley Express	† 4:25 pm	† 9:15 pm
Fayette City Accom	† 6:10 am	† 7:20 am
Fayette C. & N. Haven Ex	* 8:00 am	* 8:00 am
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1902.

TWELVE PAGES.

Merry Christmas to all! The weather bureau promises snow and cold, which will be more pleasant than the slush of last evening. General Prosperity has provided all the material requisites to make the day perfect. Each individual must supply the light heart for himself. It is easy to be joyous when the right spirit is invoked. So again The Gazette offers that best of all gifts of the day, a merry, merry Christmas!

The advance in wages of employes of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, told of exclusively in The Gazette yesterday, is not all of the story. The independent companies will make similar advances on January 1, so their payrolls next year will be more than $1,000,000 larger than this year. In all the workers in the coke region will receive about $3,000,000 more next year than they did this year—a tidy sum to the good. Incidentally it is announced that the Pittsburgh, Chartiers & Youghiogheny railroad has advanced wages about 10 per cent, taking effect December 1. The employes were just notified yesterday as a sort of Christmas pleasantry, so Christmas has an added merriness for many this morning.

Some fresh figures are offered by which to measure the prosperity of this year now drawing to its close. The output of iron ore has been 7,000,000 tons larger than for last year. Last year's output was 500,000 tons larger than that of the year before. That means that the increase for this year is 14 times the increase of last year, which marked the high record in the history of the country. In our news columns is an article which pursues the subject—or the ore—into finished forms and indicates the tremendous merchantable value of that 7,000,000 tons of ore converted into forms of iron and steel for use. The story spells prosperity in large capitals.

The house of Hapsburg is showing signs of degeneracy. There have been numerous scandals, some of them tragic in their consequences, and the recent escapade of two members of the imperial house is of a piece with other queer doings, showing a family failing. The Emperor Francis Joseph is a strong, capable ruler, but he is old and the succession has long occasioned anxiety. The bundle of nations which constitute the Austrian empire are heated by mutual animosities tending to rend them apart, so that the wisest and ablest of rulers would find it difficult to cope with the problems which will confront him. Parliamentary institutions exert a disintegrating force in Austria and the sessions of its reichstag have become proverbial for scenes of disorder. The latest scandal is a fresh indication of decay in the monarchical principle which is the only support of the unity of the state.

The suggestion Henry Watterson raises, that the Monroe doctrine needs revision, at least deserves consideration. At present it rules off the American hemisphere from the rest of the world as not being open to colonization and development. Whether or not the peoples at present holding title are able to occupy and administer the territory they claim, no other nation has a right to enter. There are vast areas of territory in South America not now settled and not likely to be, with the sort of people and government they have there. Settlers who would be attracted by their natural advantages are deterred by the fact that life and property are too insecure, but the power of the United States extends the aegis of the Monroe doctrine over the petty despots who rule the roost. This artificial situation is unfavorable to the spread of civilization. Everywhere else systems of government which are unable to discharge the elementary function of public justice are superseded or put under disciplinary control. It is safe to say that the influences which everywhere else are enforcing the doctrine that governmental responsibility for orderly government must manifest itself or it will be introduced, will extend to the western hemisphere also. The United States must either keep order in American continents or submit to the interference of other nations in American affairs. The Monroe doctrine entails responsibilities which must be met or it will cease to have practical importance.

This country is receiving some severe bumps from the Venezuelan affair. The notice it serves upon other revolutionary countries that the Monroe doctrine is not an instrument for the repudiation of national debts is salutary, but at the same time it is accompanied by a blow to American prestige. Hereafter South America dictators will be careful how they toy with European subjects, but there is no admonition in anything which has taken place that they need be particularly careful about the interests of the United States. Meanwhile our interests are suffering from the international coercion applied to Venezuela. It is reported that an American citizen trying to get out of the country in a sailing vessel which he had chartered for the purpose, was seized and turned back after all the property he had with him had been confiscated. Disturbing reports are also in circulation that the allied European powers have inspired the revolutionary uprising which now threatens President Castro. It is a significant fact that the only port not blockaded is reported to be in the country held by the revolutionists and is the place where arms and ammunition are landed for their use. If Gen. Matos wins the presidency under European auspices he will naturally be open to European influence in his policy.

We hope that it is untrue that the war department is disposed to comply with the request of the auntics that Mabini shall be released. The grounds on which his release is urged are altogether sentimental, and policy based upon sentiment and not upon facts is certain to be mischievous. Mabini, who has been active in fomenting insurrection, can obtain his release at any time by taking the oath of allegiance. He refuses to do so, and should not be allowed to be at large until he does do so.

If the present discord and confusion in the local political situation inspires the "old organization" to put up a first-rate candidate one good result will have been accomplished. With several good candidates in the field an active discussion of the condition of municipal affairs and a thorough stirring up of public sentiment on the franchise question, standards of action might be set up which would make it difficult to work either the hold-up game or franchise grabbing, no matter who might be elected recorder.

WAITING TILL AFTER ELECTION.

The action of the corporations committee of councils in reversing its previous action permitting franchise grabbing by the City Electric Company is a victory for public opinion, but the doubt will occur whether it was not due to the fact that an election is coming on, rather than to a genuine change of disposition. In fact, Mr. C. G. Ellwood, a representative of the company, is reported as publicly declaring that the program was not to pass any of the electric light ordinances until after the election in February, and then the City Electric bill would go through in the shape that the company desired.

This affords a means by which the good faith of councils may be tested. If they are sincere they will proceed to pass the ordinances. There is no honest reason for delay. The other applicants are willing to accept the conditions; if the City Electric Company is not willing to accept the same conditions, it need not do so. A hold-up of the legislation until after the election will indicate that the City Electric lobby controls the situation and that when the election is over franchise grabbing will be resumed on the wait-till-they-all-pay pretext.

These events display the real issue at the coming election. A recorder who really wants to do so can stop franchise grabbing. He has not only his veto upon every ordinance of the kind, but also over every item of appropriation bills, so that it is in his power to bring pressure to bear upon every councilman disposed to sell out the city. Even should councils pass such ordinances over his veto, he could appeal to the courts to stop them. The way in which the directors of any corporation exercise the discretion vested in them is subject to the review of the courts, and city councils have really no more legal right to give away city property than the directors of any other corporation have to give away its property. A recorder who means business would haul councilmen into court if he could find no other way of stopping this outrageous game of municipal looting.

OUR NAVAL MILITIA.

If present plans carry the naval militia of the District of Columbia may become a highly efficient body, and in case of need a valuable auxiliary to the regular naval force of the United States. But to achieve such result the regular establishment also has something to learn. Our naval militia is the youngest branch of our national volunteer service, but, unfortunately, for one reason or another, has not demonstrated its right to continued existence. As an organization it is a matter of fact moribund, and if a battalion exists here and there it is not because of its possible utility as a defensive body, but for social reasons. The ineffectiveness in case of need of the naval battalion at Washington is sufficiently recognized in the program for reorganization to require no further comment or elucidation. It is, moreover, merely a type of other battalions. Perhaps the principal difficulty in maintaining a naval militia in a state of high efficiency has been the virtual impossibility of providing ship training under conditions to which its enlisted men will willingly submit. If the reorganization of the force at the capital is effected with an officer of the regular service in command this trouble may be overcome, so far as this particular body is concerned, and an example thus set that may bear useful fruit in the re-establishment of other bodies of naval militia elsewhere. To have a successful naval militia the officers of the regular service must democratize themselves in a noteworthy degree. The gulf between shoulder straps and blue shirts cannot be so wide as in the regular service, and there must be a bridge across which men may pass to commissioned rank. There ought to be provision also that will enable men of all ranks, with the properly ascertained mental and professional equipment, to enter the regular service, just as may be done now in the military service. Our naval militia, which is fading out of existence, can only be restored to life and a strength and fitness it has not known heretofore by giving it this encouragement. The best promise for its future is the plan which will assign regular officers to battalion command, that they may unlearn and learn something in teaching the men of the battalions and making the battalions training schools for the navy and its efficient ally in time of national peril. The navy of the United States needs to be strengthened more rapidly than is now possible even by widening the doors of Annapolis, and it needs as well to be in some measure popularized. Neither the army or the navy of a democracy ought to be set apart as the peculiarly aristocratic product of our institutions. We hope something good may come of the proposed experiment in Washington.

CUBA PAYS FOR PRIVILEGES.

It is on the program that immediately after Christmas the Cuban reciprocity treaty will be taken up by the senate. While all the opposition to reciprocity with the new-born republic may not have died out, the action of the Michigan senators and congressmen in deciding that there shall be no more opposition from that quarter is almost equivalent to a guarantee that the treaty will be enacted and Cubans given a better market than they have had heretofore. Mail advices from Cuba indicate that the relief is badly needed, for there is acute distress in business circles. "It is not uncommon now," writes the Havana correspondent of the Washington Star, "to have reported publicly the failure of old Spanish houses whose soundness never was questioned by the outside world. The inexorable process of liquidation continues, and individual firms are its victims." So frequent are the failures that when one is reported the business public "shrugs its shoulders and remarks that the losses are distributed in England, France and Germany, and makes no further comment." It is added that "the remarks made in England, France and Germany are not heard in Havana," but it is certain that as the capitalists of those countries that have relations with Havana contemplate their losses there is no increase of friendliness toward the United States. Much of this might have been avoided and Cuban business might now be on a prosperous footing but for the senatorial hold-up that refused to Cuba the preferential position in our markets that it was intended to give her. That the hold-up was short-sighted is abundantly demonstrated in the new-found disposition to abandon it.

Cuba gives the United States a fair return for the benefits that will be conferred on her. Tariff reductions are made on products of the United States that will greatly enlarge the market for our manufactures. We are, for example, given a reduction of 25 per cent on such products of local enterprise as pottery, glass, cast and wrought iron and steel and articles manufactured of them, and also on boats, which may be built in Pittsburgh for Cuba, especially if the Ohio be deepened. Other manufactured products are given a reduction of 30 per cent, and still others a reduction of 40 per cent, and the rates established, it is specifically provided, "shall be preferential to each party to the convention against all other countries." Doubtless this will open the eyes of many, for the discussions have pictured the United States as the generous giver, and have to a large degree failed to take proper account of the payment that Cuba makes to us for benefits to be conferred. It is true, of course, that Cuba obtains privileges in a larger market than she affords to us, but none the less the Cuban trade will be a valuable one for this country, growing steadily with the prosperity of the Cubans, which will be in large measure assured by their preferred position as sellers in our ports. Cuba is giving the United States a return for what we give her, fully as large as we have a right to expect, and the treaty ought to be passed without delay.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

In the celebration of the annual Christmas season the civilized world has moved forward to a point where the festival can no longer be claimed as the exclusive expression of one phase of religious belief. Religiously, the day is no longer observed along the lines of a creed. The letter of the old ceremonials is dead, but the spirit is alive and world-wide in its operation. The doctrine of "Peace on earth, good will to men" finds its largest exemplification in universal brotherhood and kindly feeling rather than as the written terms of a church dogma. Yet we doubt whether this twentieth century Christmas is less religious in its fundamental spirit than was the old narrow ecclesiasticism of the sixteenth century or the hardly less somber spirit of the later Puritan Christmas of the eighteenth and early half of the nineteenth centuries.

Modern resources and the stupendous advance in material wealth and in the appliances for human comfort have brought about enormous changes in the modes of living. Along with these changes the spirit of the world has been broadened. We know more about human life, our relationships have been broadened and deepened under the processes of advancing material growth, and our sympathies are correspondingly increased over those of our forefathers. Thus it has come to pass that the Christmas observance is no longer the occasion to give strength to creed or faith by peculiar and circumscribed acts of worship. The day is the world's festival. First, for the children, and then for all men and women who have within their hearts one touch of the universal brotherhood that makes rich and poor, saint and sinner, high and low, akin by ties of common humanity.

In gift giving and in the expression by word and act of kindly feeling the season has come to be recognized as one of supreme opportunity. This year and in this community the spirit of good will and friendly cheer will have unusual display for the reason that unusual conditions of prosperity have prevailed in almost every department of business and industrial activity. The thrifty workingman has a competence and by the increase in the value of his labor has enough to spare for Christmas comforts and luxuries without feeling that he is extravagant. The wealthy have larger opportunities for gratifying their own tastes and for helping to make the season one of cheer for others.

The spirit of genial fellowship is abroad everywhere and among all classes. Human conditions are not perfect by any means. There are many who will be denied the joys of the season today, many for whom the day will have only bitter memories, and for some actual suffering and want. But it still remains a fact that Christmas today means far more to the world than it did a century ago. It is in this spirit that we should accept the recurring celebration, seeking always to give larger personal expression to its higher and nobler spirit of generous brotherhood and by helping others emphasize more broadly the doctrine of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Thousands of working people throughout the United States have from 5 to 50 per cent better chances to have a jolly Christmas than they had last year.

The presence of Admiral Dewey in southern waters will add impressiveness to the desire on the part of the foreign powers to arbitrate their difficulties.

If you didn't get the present you had set your heart on this morning, remember that there were many poor devils who didn't get any.

Of course we should have a white Christmas as a crowning evidence of Prosperity's gift to the dying year.

It is said that the Archduke Ferdinand of Saxony has determined to go to work. Lecture stage or vaudeville?

Your Uncle Joe Cannon will find a nice little remembrance in his Christmas stocking this morning.

The "Peace on Earth" motto should be hung on the walls of the local political situation today.

Civilization in Porto Rico has advanced to the Santa Claus and Christmas tree stage.

Chicago is putting on considerable airs over her big Christmas snow fall and cold wave.

A swell Christmas sometimes leaves a swell head next morning.

And the next day the bills will begin to come in.

Bryan's Visit to Mexico.

From the Washington Star.

Mr. Bryan explains that his visit to Mexico will not be of interest to the public; that private business will occupy him, and that he has no appointment for a private conference with President Diaz. But it is fortunate for him that he is going at the time when the silver question is under discussion there and the gold standard is being recommended for the country by some distinguished financiers. Important as his private business may be, we may be sure that his ears, while he is in the country, will not be closed to the leading topic of the hour, but that he will find the time to give attention to it, and mayhap throw out some suggestions of his own for the benefit of the Mexican people. When the bugle blows, the old war horse, though turned out to grass, pricks up his ears and gallops across the pasture in the direction of the sound. No discussion of the silver question in Mexico while Mr. Bryan is in the country will fail to secure his attention

SHOPPING IS DONE GIVING NOW BEGUN

Christmas Eve in New York Proves Battle for Those Who Are Late.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

When the Pittsburgh reader of The Gazette opens his paper this morning he will need no reminder of it's being Christmas Day. The New Yorker will also know, without looking at the date line, that it is the 25th of December, but if he did, as so many men do, leave the buying of Christmas presents to the last day, he will have passed through an experience that will, in some cases, make him wonder whether the game was worth the candle. The shopping rush tonight was worse than any living resident of this city can remember it to have been in other years. The main thoroughfares of the drygoods and fancy department stores have been jammed for weeks, but tonight they broke the record. The clerks were tired out when the time came for closing up, and the general opinion was that they had earned their rest. One disadvantage experienced by the late buyers was that the stock at all big stores had been so depleted that there was much less selection. But what does that matter to the average man? All he wants is something that will please the recipient of his Christmas gift, and that is not too cheap. It may be that it is not a bad plan for a man to buy Christmas presents on the last day, because he has left the choice to the women, who take advantage of it, while he would pitch on one thing to begin with, and take it, regardless of price or the counter-attractions of many other wares. At all events, there was a roaring trade tonight, and if every Christmas thing is not cleaned out it is only because there has not been time for the whole stock to be purchased. When the doors were closed to new customers at the big business spaces there were still many hundreds seeking admission, and doubtless trading would have gone on till daylight on Christmas morning if the merchants had been willing to work their clerks all night. All of which indicates that there is no lack of money in Greater New York, and that most people will be likely to have what is hoped will fall to the lot of all Pittsburghers—a comfortable as well as merry Christmas.

All Seek Home Christmas.

Railroad men say that the travel this week has been the heaviest they have seen for years. Moreover, it is the same both ways. Every Pennsylvania railroad train going out of Jersey City this week has been loaded with passengers, and every train coming in has about the same. The understanding is that people are going to their respective homes for Christmas more than usual. There is always a large floating population of men and women from other cities in New York city, and most of them are on their way home to spend Christmas. The same rule in the opposite way holds good for New Yorkers who have been away. Salesmen for the big wholesale firms make it a point to be home for Christmas, if possible, and they are coming in by the thousand. This will be a home Christmas, if ever there was one, according to railroad men, and they have an excellent opportunity of judging.

Greene, According to Parkhurst.

Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst is not pleased with the appointment of Gen. Greene as police commissioner. He has said so. The trouble with the appointee, according to the doctor, is that he never has been connected with the police department, and therefore cannot be supposed to know much about it. There are people here who say that the only police commissioner who would suit Dr. Parkhurst would have to be a man selected by himself. Unfortunately he was not consulted, and Mayor Low had to make up his own mind about it. Of course, he had the assistance of Gov. Odell, a man who is supposed to have pretty shrewd ideas on matters of public policy, and it looks as if the good doctor will have to be satisfied with that.

Pittsburgh Leads Again.

Pittsburgh business men are making themselves felt in all lines of commerce and industry in New York. One one of the best Sixth avenue corners in the shopping district is a tremendous broadside announcement that a well-known Pittsburgh furniture firm will open there in a few weeks, which means interesting competition for others in the same line.

Coney All the Year Around.

The proposal that Coney Island be turned into a winter resort similar to Atlantic City is discussed considerably tonight. It always has been the custom of many persons to go down to Coney in the winter time, but only for a day. The hotels there are hardly suited to the needs of wealthy and fastidious people. If there should be a serious attempt to institute such a winter resort at Coney Island and Brighton beach, as has been suggested, the first thing to be done will be to build a new hotel as well as to remodel those already there, so that they would more nearly resemble apartment hotels than they do at present. The beach is beautiful along this particular part of the Long Island coast, and there is no reason why it should not become as popular in the winter, in proportion, as it is in the heat of summer.

Devery Genuine "Big Chief" Now.

"Big Bill" Devery is the man that comes into most people's minds if it should be determined to have an expert as a chief of police under the new commissioner. Devery has not said anything about it so far, but his friends think he could be induced to take hold were the job offered to him with due respect, and backed up by proper emolument. The former chief of police has recently been initiated into the Order of Red Men, a secret organization, and he now is a big chieftain indeed, being given the three degrees of "hunter," "warrior" and "chief" that constitutes full membership of the order in one, two, three style. Afterward he was crowned with the "hat of feathers." I met Mr. Devery today, and regarding this initiation he had this to say: "It was a hard deal. I've ridden everything in the tepee, from a billy goat to an elephant. Partridge's late job was a cinch compared to it."

When Freedom Comes to Freehold.

The scare heads on the front page of the papers tonight are startling. The first impression that dawned on the writer as he left his dwelling was that war had been declared and Admiral Dewey again was at his old tricks. But the new type, which seemed to have been invented for the occasion, loomed up that Laura Biggar was free at Freehold.

New Irony in Law Courts.

The effects of the coal strike do not vanish. J. P. Morgan's Christmas gift is a summons to appear in the Seventh district civil court in East Fifty-seventh street on January 2, 1903, to make answer in a civil suit against him for $250 expended for coal by Bernard and Harry Nevelson, tenants of a flathouse owned by Mr. Morgan at Nos. 961 and 963 Park avenue. A suit more tinged with irony has never been filed. Mr. Morgan, at the time when the coal strike was assuming ominous proportions, inaugurated a movement to ship coal from his city to Wales, a sort of carrying coals to New Castle idea, and supply it there to the poor. His tenants in Manhattan think it strange indeed that if he could afford to ship coal to Europe and give it away, he could not afford to give it to them. "Who owns the house?" asked the frozen ones of the janitor. "Morgan—the man who owns everything," replied the minion. "Why does he not give us heat and hot water?" queried the cold storage patrons. "Because it costs money," replied the lackey. "Sue Morgan," cried the other tenants in chorus. And the Nevelsons have sued.

Youth is Age of Invention.

That rare quality of the mind which enables a man to be a real inventor seems to pronounce itself more in youth than in middle life. Youth is the time of application, and there are certain elements in the ordinary make-up of a young man that may be fostered in his probationary period. To Marconi's tenacity of purpose the world will owe much. He is now only 30. It is now five years since he sent Queen Victoria's memorable message from ashore by wireless telegraph to the prince of Wales on his yacht. The young Italian has never faltered in his ambition. "Tom" Edison, the king of all inventors and the first to congratulate Marconi, was 26 when he devised the wonderful quadruplex system of telegraphy. At 34 he had two salons of the Paris electrical exhibition filled with his inventions. The old-timers, too, with the divine gift of invention, were all young men. Elias Howe at 26 had invented the sewing machine. Sir Henry Bessemer at 25 was one of the "forty immortals" of the French academy.

World Sceptical of Inventors.

Inventors, be they young or old, have, as a rule, a hard row to hoe. To those who know nothing of Marconi's work in the immediate present, its actuality will naturally be doubted, ridiculed, or assumed to be an impossibility, as history records has been the case with every great innovation ever introduced. Sir Henry Bessemer, whose converter revolutionized the art of steelmaking throughout the world, was ridiculed and derided and publicly called a fraud by the same people, both technical and otherwise, who later ennobled him. In 1786 the distinguished engineer, Latrobe of Maryland, reported the plans of Oliver Evans of Pennsylvania for steam traction as visionary, and Evans a wild schemer, the result of which was that the world was deprived of steam locomotion for two generations. When the celebrated Quaker, Burnett, was told by a Philadelphia friend that he had met Fulton in New York and had actually ridden on his steamboat, Burnett thought his friend a fabricator. He declined to accept any assurance, saying, "Find me authority in the 'Holy Scriptures' for moving a vessel by the aid of heated water, and I'll no longer doubt it. And this has been a part of the history of all important discoveries or innovations from Columbus and his New World, Westinghouse and his air brake, to Marconi and his ether pathway for the dot and dash across the blue waves of the restless sea.

This Is Very Newest.

Writing of inventors brings me to the newest thing on the Rialto tonight. Nellie Follis, the bright little prima donna of "The Billionaire," has the inventive microbe lurking in her system. She hopes to become a "billionairess" by the sale of a corset on which she has applied for a patent. Miss Follis' arrangement comprises a new device in clasps attached to cords, whereby the wearer may lace to any degree of tightness by simply raising the hands above the head. In this way a sort of "yeehaw" movement is executed which makes the corset an aid to physical culture as well as a thing of beauty. Miss Follis, it is said, has already sold the rights of her device to a corset company, and has received advance royalties.

GEORGE C. JENKS.

Pittsburghers in Gotham.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

WALDORF-ASTORIA.
J. B. Tonkin. W. A. Lindsay.

HERALD SQUARE.
Edward R. Miller. O. R. Pihl.

IMPERIAL.
C. G. Jenkins. W. M. Campbell.
Mrs. C. G. Jenkins. Mrs. W. M. Campbell.

GRAND.
H. E. Taylor.

HOLLAND.
D. E. Mitchell. E. K. Frank

GILSEY.
J. S. McFady.

STURTEVANT.
J. Minturn.

FIFTH AVENUE.
J. D. Glover.

BROADWAY CENTRAL.
Mrs. W. Hetzel. W. Hetzel.

B. & O. WILL SOON BUILD OLD SOUTH PENN ROAD

Pittsburgh's Historic Seaboard Project Now to Be Completed. Officials Tell Plan.

The old South Penn, once the project of Andrew Carnegie for a railroad connecting Pittsburgh with the seaboard, is at last to be used. It was announced at Baltimore yesterday by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad officials, that the Baltimore & Ohio will build the line which was abandoned many years.

Now the Baltimore & Ohio, which has become a Pennsylvania interest in large measure, is to build the line. There will be 20 miles of new construction. The result will be the connection of Pittsburgh and the seaboard at Baltimore by a line at least 50 miles shorter than the present Baltimore & Ohio line and the seaboard with Chicago by a line 80 miles shorter. This projected railroad will run from Rockville, about 25 miles below Harrisburg on the Susquehanna river to Havre de Grace at the head of Chesapeake bay. Thence it will use the present line of the Baltimore & Ohio's Philadelphia division.

FINE PRIZES WON.

Announcement Made of Successful Contestants in Campbell Store Contest.

One of the most successful voting contests ever conducted in this city came to its conclusion last evening when the votes were counted at Campbell's store in Fifth avenue. The list of prize winners, with the votes received, and the prizes follow:

Miss E. M. Bilsing, 3,049 votes, a Knabe piano; Miss Edith Kimball, 1,988 votes, lady's watch; Mrs. George Welsh, 697 votes, lady's watch; Miss Mabel A. Shoupe, 597 votes, Adelaide watch; Mrs. J. M. Simpson, 501 votes, opera glasses; Miss Anna Apple, 391 votes, silk umbrella; Miss Margaret Fisher, 381 votes, $5 in gold; Miss Pearl Goodwin, 209 votes, silk corset; Miss Emma Hauser, 159 votes, sofa pillow; Miss Ruth Kay, corset.

The contest was to advertise the corsets handled by the store and there were upwards of 100 contestants. Interest ran high in the fight for the piano and there was a large crowd watching the counting of the votes last night, which was conducted by representatives of the newspapers.

FELL OVER A PRECIPICE.

Woman Says She Was Not Pushed, but Her Husband and Sister Are Arrested.

Mrs. George Clark of No. 33 Crescent street, was picked up at the foot of a precipice on the Grant boulevard, west of the Seventeenth street incline, about 7 o'clock last night, by her husband, who placed her in a wagon and took her to the West Penn hospital.

At the hospital Mrs. Clark was found to be suffering from concussion of the brain and many contusions. Clark, who is a railroad engineer, said his wife went out of the house while he was upstairs ordering her sister out. The woman said no one pushed her or struck her, but that she had fallen over.

After Mrs. Clark was taken to the hospital, however, Officer Michael Carr arrested her husband and her sister, Della Barber, as suspicious characters. The officer claims he made the arrest because there was a report out to the effect that at the time the woman fell she had trouble with her husband and sister.

OFFERED TWO MILLION FOR IRON ORE MINES

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH., Dec. 24.—Charles S. Osborne, state railroad commissioner, who not many years ago was a reporter on a Milwaukee newspaper, and his associates, have been offered $2,000,000 for their iron ore properties in the Sudbury district north of the Canadian Soo, in Ontario. The offer to purchase is said to come from the Clergue interests and is one reason for the loan of $3,500,000 made yesterday by the Consolidated Lake Superior Company

PERSONALS

Clad in the garb of a peasant from the vineclad hills of sunny Italy, a daughter of that classic land arrived alone and forlorn in the Pittsburgh station of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad last night in search of her brother. The snow was flying in flurries as the train pulled into the station, the woman shivered in the wintry gale. With her small bundles she followed the passengers into the station, and taking a seat in the men's smoking room, waited for her friends to meet her. Her beauty and her forlorn condition attracted the attention of the waiting passengers. They crowded about her and one of their number discovered that her friends were awaiting her at Braddock station. In a small pocketbook she had a number of Italian banknotes, but as the ticket office was closed they could not be turned into American money. A stranger gave her a piece of American coin and a telegram was sent to her brother as she was placed on a Braddock car.

The higher priced employes of the Allegheny Steel and Iron Company presented their general manager, H. E. Sheldon, with a Winton automobile, at a banquet held at the works in Tarentum last night. Attorney Nelson McVickar of Pittsburgh made the presentation speech and Mr. Sheldon made a fitting response.

Charles W. Scovel of the Western Pennsylvania agency of the Provident Savings Life association was presented by the local force of his office with a solid silver loving cup yesterday afternoon. The cup is about 15 inches high, resting on an ebony base, and is appropriately inscribed.

Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

Among those at the leading hotels last night were the following persons from nearby towns:

Griswold—Henry Miller, Sharon; A. W. Watterson, Steubenville.

Lincoln—W. P. Moody, Dennison, O.

Henry—R. Schneider, Sharon; S. P. Emery, New Castle.

St. Charles—R. D. Clark, Ellwood City; C. B. Scott, Thomas, Pa.; T. E. Thomas, Morgantown, W. Va.; C. D. Adams, Wheeling.

Duquesne—John McKeefrey, Leetonia; Arthur Shafstall, Brookville; J. H. Klock, Braddock, W. Va.

Newell's—W. E. Strong, Kane; N. Griffith, Johnstown; W. A. Hull, Bolivar; W. W. Wilson, Irwin.

Seventh Avenue—E. H. Clark, Fostoria; F. J. Kendall, Waynesburg; C. Gross, Marionville, W. Va.; J. R. Holme, Jamestown.

Victoria—M. S. Wilson, Fairmont, W. Va.

Monongahela—T. O. Chisolm, F. C. Bachelder, N. B. Dick, Newark; R. V. McCullough, Kittanning.

Anderson—E. L. Martin, Wheeling.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Elij T. Earley.

Eliza T. Earley died yesterda yat noon at his home in Camp street, McKees Rocks. He was 80 years old, and death was due to old age. Mr. Earley was born in Columbiana county, O., and was a resident of East Palestine, O., until two years ago. He was a member of the Methodist church of East Palestine, and also of East Palestine lodge No. 417 of the Masonic order. He was a carpenter by trade, but retired about ten years ago. He is survived by his wife and four children: Charles, James, Clinton and Frank Earley, the latter a justice of peace in Springfield, Ill. Funeral services will be held at his late home this evening at 8 o'clock, and the interment will be in East Palestine Friday, under the auspices of the F. A. M. lodge of that place.

Dr. Charles Dron Elder.

Dr. Charles Dron Elder of No. 477 Lincoln avenue, Bellevue, died at the Presbyterian hospital Tuesday night from hemorrhage, following a second operation for appendicitis. Dr. Elder was a native of Johnston, Trumbull county, Ohio, and 31 years of age. He was graduated from Western Reserve university in Cleveland in 1898 and came immediately to Bellevue, where he soon built up a large practice in dentistry. He was a member of the Bellevue lodge of Masons and of the Bellevue club. There survive him in this city his wife, formerly Miss Agnes Myers of Oil City, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. E. E. Frederick of Bellevue, and a brother, Dr. Frank Bascom Elder of Knoxville. The remains were taken to his old home in Trumbull county yesterday.

Jacob S. Shafer.

Jacob S. Shafer, 60 years old, for many years overseer in the tobacco department at the Western penitentiary, died yesterday at his home in Sandusky. He was a native of Allegheny county and had resided here all his life. After the tobacco department was abolished at the penitentiary he was employed by Lang & Sheppard and later with the R. & W. Jenkinson Co. He was well known in fraternal organizations. Mr. Shafer at the time of his death was president of the school board of Emsworth and secretary of the Kilbuck Odd Fellows' hall association. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Catherine Koehler Shafer.

Funeral of Chief Davis.

Funeral services over the remains of the late Samuel Davis, chief of police of McKees Rocks, were held yesterday afternoon at his home in Bell avenue, McKees Rocks. The Rev. W. R. Moore of the McKees Rocks Methodist Episcopal church officiated. Representatives from the borough council, police and fire departments were present, as well as several lodges of Odd Fellows and a delegation from the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, of which Mr. Davis was formerly vice president.

Chief Ishparahacher.

Former Chief Ishparahacher, of the Creek Indians, is dead at Okmulgee, I. T., at the age of 90 years. He had been prominent in Creek affairs for three-score years, and had been connected with every treaty of importance between the United States government and Indians during that time. Recently he was chosen to represent the tribe in Washington on matters of importance connected with the Creek nation.

Obituary Notes.

John Wilhelm, aged 66, is dead at Sharon, Pa.

A. G. Saxton of Greensburg, Pa., died Tuesday night from heart disease, aged 54 years.

Solomon Shaffer of Croode, Indiana county, Pa., is dead, aged 76 years. He is survived by several children, one of whom is Mrs. S. S. Lydick of Pittsburgh.

Joseph L. McElrney, treasurer of the National Land Company, died yesterday of pneumonia at New York.

Miss Frances C. daughter of John H. Wood, died at her home in Main street, Carnegie, last night of pneumonia. She was 23 years old and a member of the Episcopal church.

Elisha A. Leech, proprietor of the Tremont house of Mansfield, O., and a resident of Mansfield since 1849, died this morning from heart disease, aged 62. Mr. Leech was one of the best known hotel men in the state. He was a 33d degree Mason.

George W. Thatcher, a pioneer, and for years prominent in political and church affairs, is dead at his late home in Logan, Utah, after a long illness, aged 62 years. Mr. Thatcher crossed the plains with his parents with the first band of Mormon pioneers.

Mrs. Margaret Richards, 75 years old, died yesterday afternoon. She will be buried from the home of her son, No. 2011 Market street, Allegheny, tomorrow afternoon.

Maj. Emory S. Foster, a Union veteran of the civil war and a prominent citizen of St. Louis, is dead at Oakland, Cal., as the result of an old wound. He was 64 years old. Maj. Foster was editor of the St. Louis Journal, Times, and other papers.

STRANGE WILL TO BE TESTED.

Directed $40,000 to Be Spent to Embellish Grave.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A caveat has been filed in Register W. C. Robinson's office against the probate of the will of the late James S. McCutchen of Centerville. Mr. McCutchen died on November 29 and, by the terms of his will, his entire estate is to be devoted to the embellishment of the plot in which his remains are lying. The estate will approximate $40,000 in value.

Mr. McCutchen is perhaps the only man in the history of America who directed that his burial place should be marked by five monuments.

CHRISTMAS NOW, CHRISTMAS THEN

A Vision of the Old Farm Home in 'Wayback Township and Its Cheer.

Christmas comes but once a year anywhere, but it comes differently in different sections. Christmas in the city is with us. Piles of presents, valuable intrinsically, or valued for the spirit in which they are given. Fine dinners, theater parties, charity and such good cheer as each one may summon to the occasion. Christmas on the farm in 'Wayback township is different. Santa Claus gets there too and finds the wide, old-fashioned chimneys more accommodating than the gas fronts in town. Besides he isn't expected to put a piano in anybody's stocking in those parts, or a wooden horse that won't eat oats.

Sometimes I think Santa Claus likes the farm better than the town and leaves there more of the essence of his jolly old self because he does not leave as much of his heterogeneous cargo. The stillness of the night is much to his liking and the sound sleep without prying eyes. And then his visits are discovered so much earlier in the morning, before the modest knick-knacks have had time to lose the sparkle he endowed them with. Maybe this is only a fancy of mine and I'd like to know what other people think about it.

I remember one Christmas a good many years ago, a clear, frosty morning with delicate patterns on the window panes. My breath was visible and my heart beat audibly during the hasty process of dressing. Then the rush for the stockings, hanging by the wide chimney. There was a glow on the hearth from the hickory log and just a faint, savory odor of hickory wood smoke in the room. Something bulged the top of the stocking. Out it came. A little, black-covered book, lettered across in gold and the fancy letters spelled "Holy Bible." Riches untold had come to me. It was full five minutes before I delved deeper to find candy and a few assorted "store nuts."

Content and Happiness.

All day long I was happy. Joy sang in my heart. Brothers and sisters fared as I did. They, too, were content. After breakfast we took our sleds to the long hill and such mirthful sport as we had, pulling up, sliding down and chattering about good old Santa Claus, who told us by his gifts that he wanted us also to be good.

That Christmas dinner was not so different from the one I look forward to for today. Roast turkey, big, brown, fat and toothsome—a fellow I had known all of his life; mashed potatoes built in a tall cone like a volcano, with yellow butter filling the crater; pumpkin pie and as many pieces as one liked. There was no cut glass or silver as there will be on my table today, but there was a quaint blue sugar bowl and a decorated china teapot and I am sure the sugar was sweeter than it will be today.

Finally in the evening we sat again about the wide chimney with apples, chestnuts, hickory nuts and pop corn. A Christmas story was read. There was bright talk and wholesome laughter. Throughout the day not a thought of care or worry—not a fear that any one within 10 miles had been deprived of Christmas comfort or would go supperless to bed. Out on the road during the day we saw many of the neighbors, exchanged with them the "Merry Christmas" and the bantering "My Christmas gift" and every face was glad, high-colored by the tingling air.

Is It but a Fancy?

I believe

CHARGES LAID BEFORE MILES

Commander Looks Into Complaints of Alleged Cruelties Inflicted Upon Natives.

OLD CASES ARE REVIVED

Inquiry in Case of Father Augustine, Killed by Water Cure, Has Been Completed and Report Sent to Washington.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

MANILA, Dec. 24.—Several official inquiries into charges of alleged cruelty to natives by soldiers are at present progressing throughout the islands. When Gen. Miles was at Lipa, in the province of Batangas, Luzon, certain natives laid charges before him that, during the campaign of reconcentration, American soldiers had committed acts of cruelty and violence.

While Gen. Miles was in the islands Maj. George K. Hunter of the Fifteenth cavalry repeated to him certain charges which had been brought against Capt. Robert L. Howze of the Sixth cavalry, when in command at Laoag, North Ilicos, Luzon, in 1900. Maj. Hunter said that native officials of Laoag had whipped certain prisoners, two of whom died from the effects of this treatment. He reported the matter in a letter to Gov. Taft, who informed MacArthur. Capt. Howze denied the charges. An investigation was ordered and the bodies of the two prisoners who died were exhumed. In their report the investigators held Capt. Howze to be blameless.

After leaving Manila Gen. Miles sent a cablegram to Gen. J. Franklin Bell, directing him to report what cases of misconduct on the part of the enemy had caused him to issue circular No. 5 in which it was charged that the enemy had boloed American wounded, had made use of American uniforms, had planted infernal machines, shot poisoned arrows, violated their paroles, assassinated friendly natives, accepted office under the Americans for the purpose of obtaining information and had entered the American lines by deceit. Gen. Bell has written an extended report enumerating the instances which justified him in his action.

The inquiry into the causes which led to the death of Father Augustine has been completed and forwarded to Washington. The water cure was administered to Father Augustin at Banate, Panay Island. The priest died from the effects of this treatment. It is said that a large sum of money has been raised among the natives of the southern islands and sent to Boston to aid in the private prosecution of the Augustin case.

STONES WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE

Governor's Young Son Constructs Elaborate Display at Executive Mansion.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 24.—Special interest attaches to the Christmas tree at the executive mansion this year because of the fact that the mechanical effects are all the work of the governor's 14-year-old son, John Stone, who is a student at Mercersburg academy. He wired the tree for electric lighting and built a miniature railroad track and other effects which will make the tree the most elaborate ever erected at the mansion.

Gov. and Mrs. Stone will spend Christmas very quietly at the mansion, surrounded by their children. There will be no reception at the mansion tomorrow, but Mrs. Stone will be at home informally to her friends, and throughout the holiday season will receive in the afternoons.

The custom of distributing candy to the hundreds of children who call upon the governor will be observed tomorrow morning.

WADSWORTH'S POSITION.

Fine Imposed by Cleveland Waiters Is Said to Have Been Withdrawn.

The publication in The Gazette of the action of the Waiters' union of Cleveland, in imposing a fine of $115 on Private Wadsworth of Company A, Eighteenth infantry, because he shot and killed a man while on strike duty at Shenandoah, has, it is reported, been followed by a withdrawal of the fine and the suspension that went with the fine. Wadsworth, it is said, has been advised of this action and informed that his standing in the organization has not been impaired.

There seems to be a general understanding among the officers of the Eighteenth regiment that the attention of the Ohio authorities was called to the action of the Cleveland waiters and that an intimation was conveyed to the Forest City organization that the action taken was illegal and should be rescinded.

A decision in the Wadsworth case is expected to be handed down by the supreme court on the first Monday in January. The session will be attended by many of the leading officers of the National Guard, as they consider that the life of the guard depends on the decision. The whole question hinges on the right of the commander-in-chief to send troops into any county of the state before he declares that county under martial law.

Alleged Shoplifter Arrested.

Two alleged shoplifters were arrested yesterday afternoon in the East End. When searched the two young men were relieved of three bottles of cologne, three boxes of matches and a pocketbook, the articles having been taken. It is claimed, from the department store of C. H. Rowe and the 10-cent store on Penn avenue. The prisoners described themselves as Herbert Johnson, colored, of River avenue, and Joseph Perrott, an Italian, of 521 Lenora street.

Remains Taken Home.

The remains of Robert Elder, ticket clerk at the Braddock station of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, were yesterday sent to his parents' home at Ravenswood, W. Va. He died at the McKeesport hospital on Tuesday and was 25 years old. He was a member of Phillippi lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Philippi, W. Va.

Car Robber Held for Court.

George Doyle was held for court yesterday by Justice W. R. Nicholson of Esplen on a charge of attempt at car robbery and pointing firearms. Chief of Detectives S. J. Dugan of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie arrested him Tuesday night while he was trying to rob a car in the Esplen yards. Doyle tried to shoot Dugan.

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY FOR GIDEON W. MARSH

Former Bank President Greeted at Prison Gates by His Loyal Sons.

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau, Public Ledger Building, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.

Gideon W. Marsh, former president of the defunct Keystone National bank, was released from the Eastern penitentiary at 6 o'clock this morning. As the great gates of the institution were thrown open to allow him to step into the street a free man, two of his sons stepped forward and clasped his hands. Not a word was spoken. The three men crossed the pavement at a quick pace, stepped into a waiting carriage and were whirled away.

Mr. Marsh will spend Christmas quietly at the home of one of his sons.

Physically, Mr. Marsh is greatly changed. His abundant hair and luxuriant mustache have grown gray. Confinement, although he has had plenty of exercise, has lost to him the springy, almost jaunty walk of other years. He is stout, too, much stouter than when he was one of the most widely noticed men in the financial district.

"I am thankful that I came back from my wanderings to receive sentence," he said to the prison officials this morning. "The seven years I spent in fleeing from justice were years of torture. I face life again without plans. The first thing I do today is breakfast. After that I will consider my plans for the future."

E. Cooper Shapley, Mr. Marsh's counsel, has secured him a clerical position with a large manufacturing firm. Later Mr. Marsh will embark in business for himself. The nature of this business is not known, but it is said that Mr. Marsh's undoubted ability make his prospects for the future more than bright.

The former president of the Keystone bank is the last of seven who have come from the penitentiary as the result of the failure of that institution and the Spring Garden bank, which went down in the same crash. Of these, two are dead—John Bardsley and Ephraim Young. On December 2, 1800, a determined run on the Keystone bank commenced. Before the day closed $225,000 had been paid out. At that time the city had $400,000 there, deposited by City Treasurer Bradsley, who declined to withdraw this money. Bank Examiner Drew took hold of the matter. He found such a tangle that there was no hope of averting a complete wreck.

TOO BUSY FOR PLAY.

Big Plants Rushed With Orders and Holiday Will Be Brief.

Rush of work at the leading mills and factories of the Monongahela and Turtle Creek valleys results in an exceptionally short Christmas suspension. Carnegie and other mills of the United States Steel Corporation and the Westinghouse works, employing 50,000 men, will suspend in some instances only for a day, and others closed yesterday to start again Monday.

The Edgar Thomson works at Braddock closed yesterday evening to resume Sunday evening. Urgent repairs will be made during the suspension. The works of the Westinghouse Airbrake and Electric and Manufacturing companies at Wilmerding and East Pittsburgh closed last evening to resume on Monday. The Rankin and Braddock wire mills will be down only till Friday.

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PITTSBURGH MEN TO MAKE MOSAIC DESIGNS

DOVER, DEL., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A certificate of incorporation was filed here today for the Pittsburgh Rubber Tile and Marble Company of Pittsburgh. The object of the concern is to manufacture mixtures, compounds, etc., for mosaic designs for floors and pavements. The capital stock is $100,000. The incorporators are from Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

THE BEST GIFT.

One That Will Grow More Valuable Every Year.

Give your boy or your girl or any child in whose welfare you are interested a bank book showing a first deposit, for Christmas or New Year's Day. Every youngster will be proud of such a present. You can open an account at the Pennsylvania Trust Company, 410 Smithfield street, with one dollar. Four per cent compound interest.

A BARGAIN IN Axminster Rugs

We begin the after Christmas selling with a bargain in Axminster Rugs—9x12 feet in size—Good desirable colorings—

$20 Each

Come on Friday for best choice.

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that sold from 75c and up—including all our fine oval frames; also our hand-painted pastels and water colors. Picture frames made to order during these two days at one-third off.

$1.00 Pictures, one-third off, now..... 66c
$1.50 Pictures, one-third off, now.....$ 1.00
$2.00 Pictures, one-third off, now.....$ 1.35
$3.00 Pictures, one-third off, now.....$ 2.00
$5.00 Pictures, one-third off, now.....$ 3.34
$8.00 Pictures, one-third off, now.....$ 5.34
$10.00 Pictures, one-third off, now.....$ 6.67
$15.00 Pictures, one-third off, now.....$10.00
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This will be a great opportunity for lovers of fine pictures to get some exceptionally choice things at a very low price.

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1/4 Off On All American Cut Glass

Nothing quite so beautiful as rich and sparkling cut glass. Come, take your choice at one-fourth off the regular selling price.

American cut glass Tumblers, from $4.00 to $30.00 Doz. at one-fourth off.

American cut glass Water Pitchers, $5.00 to $15.00 each, at one-fourth off.

American cut glass Water Bottles—$5.00 to $15.00 each, one-fourth off.

American cut glass Vases—$3.50 to $15.00 each—one-fourth off.

American cut glass Celery Trays—$5.00 to $15.00 each—at one-fourth off.

1/2 OFF SALE!

FOR TWO DAYS ONLY---FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

SALE POSITIVELY CLOSES SATURDAY EVENING AT 10 O'CLOCK.

This simple announcement has sufficient weight to crowd this store as never before, and round up the most successful year's business in this firm's career. The policy of this store to sell nothing but *reliable goods on a small profit basis* is so well known by thousands of our old customers (who have aided us by their good wishes and patronage in building up this great store) that further comment is unnecessary. To these customers we particularly extend our invitation to attend this *One-Half-Off Sale.* We want you to participate in this sale, feeling assured that it will be the means of saving you more money than was ever before possible in our history.

In reading this bulletin don't lose sight of the fact that *these are not soiled, old-style, undesirable goods, but were carefully selected from our regular stocks, and are positively the choicest productions obtainable anywhere!*

1/2 Off on Steins.

All our fine Steins will be sold at one-half the plainly marked price Friday and Saturday only—

All 50c Steins for one-half off, now..... 25c
All 75c Steins for one-half off, now..... 38c
All $1.00 Steins for one-half off, now..... 50c
All $1.50 Steins for one-half off, now..... 75c
All $2.00 Steins for one-half off, now.....$1.00
All $5.00 Steins for one-half off, now.....$2.50
All $10.00 Steins for one-half off, now.....$5.00

1/2 Off on Odd Fancy Cups and Saucers.

Mostly in French and Vienna China, finely decorated—one to a half dozen alike—

50c Cups and Saucers, one-half off, now..... 25c
75c Cups and Saucers, one-half off, now..... 38c
$1.00 Cups and Saucers, one-half off, now..... 50c
$1.50 Cups and Saucers, one-half off, now..... 75c
$2.00 Cups and Saucers, one-half off, now.....$1.00
$3.00 Cups and Saucers, one-half off, now.....$1.50

1/2 Off on Royal Vienna Vases and Bric-a-Brac.

Plates, Cups and Saucers, odd and fancy pieces—

All $3.00 Royal Vienna pieces, one-half off, now $1.50
All $4.00 Royal Vienna pieces, one-half off, now $2.00
All $5.00 Royal Vienna pieces, one-half off, now $2.50
All $10.00 Royal Vienna pieces, one-half off, now $5.00
All $15.00 Royal Vienna pieces, one-half off, now $7.50
All $20.00 Royal Vienna pieces, one-half off, now $10.00
All $25.00 Royal Vienna pieces, one-half off, now $12.50
All $30.00 Royal Vienna pieces, one-half off, now $15.00

1/2 Off on All Royal Bonn Vases.

These are particularly noted for rich and elaborate decorations, in those dark lustrous colors so popular just now—

All $3.00 Royal Bonn Vases, one-half off, now...$1.50
All $5.00 Royal Bonn Vases, one-half off, now...$2.50
All $8.00 Royal Bonn Vases, one-half off, now...$4.00
All $10.00 Royal Bonn Vases, one-half off, now...$5.00
All $15.00 Royal Bonn Vases, one-half off, now...$7.50

1/2 Off on All Our Royal Teplitz Vases.

Decorations in dainty hand-painted floral designs with body of vases in soft satin finish—

All $5.00 Royal Teplitz Vases, one-half off, now $2.50
All $8.00 Royal Teplitz Vases, one-half off, now $4.00
All $10.00 Royal Teplitz Vases, one-half off, now $5.00
All $15.00 Royal Teplitz Vases, one-half off, now $7.50
All $20.00 Royal Teplitz Vases, one-half off, now $10.00
All $25.00 Royal Teplitz Vases, one-half off, now $12.50

1/2 Off on All Our German and Austrian Vases

that sold above $1.00 each—all beautifully decorated and in satin finish tints—

$1.50 Decorated Vases, one-half off, now..... 75c
$2.00 Decorated Vases, one-half off, now.....$1.00
$3.00 Decorated Vases, one-half off, now.....$1.50
$4.00 Decorated Vases, one-half off, now.....$2.00
$5.00 Decorated Vases, one-half off, now.....$2.50

1/2 Off Sale in the Toy Department.

We never carry over toys from one year to another, as there is always something new, and we prefer to take our loss at the end of the season. That is the reason each Xmas that we are enabled to show an entire new stock of toys. So come Friday or Saturday and select all the toys you want and pay the salesman just one-half the regular price, plainly marked on the ticket.

All Wooden and Skin Covered Horses 1/2 Off.

All Sleds one-half off.
All Doll Furniture one-half off.
All Dolls, dressed or undressed, one-half off.
All Mechanical Trains one-half off.
All Mechanical Engines one-half off.
All Mechanical Toys of every description one-half off.
All Musical Instruments one-half off.
All Drums, Soldier Suits and Air Guns one-half off.
All Furniture, such as Beds, Dressers, Desks, etc., one-half off.
All Doll Trunks one-half off.
All Doll Baby Carriages one-half off.
All Tool Chests—well filled with tools—one-half off.
Chautauqua Blackboards one-half off.
Children's Decorated China Tea Sets one-half off.
All Story Books one-half off.
All Combination Game Boards one-half off.
All Children's Morris Chairs one-half off.
All Children's Pianos one-half off.
All Shoofflies one-half off.

Not one single item reserved. Every Toy, Game or anything else belonging to Toy Department will be sold Friday and Saturday at one-half off regular price.

1/2 Off on All Hand-Painted French China Plaques

in game and figure pieces. Some very choice pieces for selection—

$25.00 Hand-painted Plaques, one-half off, now..$12.50
$20.00 Hand-painted Plaques, one-half off, now..$10.00
$15.00 Hand-painted Plaques, one-half off, now.. $7.50
$10.00 Hand-painted Plaques, one-half off, now.. $5.00
$8.00 Hand-painted Plaques, one-half off, now.. $4.00
$5.00 Hand-painted Plaques, one-half off, now.. $2.50
$4.00 Hand-painted Plaques, one-half off, now.. $2.00

1/2 Off on Fine French, Japanese & Austrian China Chop Plates

Some hundreds of fine decorations and new shapes for selection—Also all our finest Cake and Bread Plates, now one-half off—

$1.00 Chop or Cake Plates, one-half off, now..... 50c
$1.50 Chop or Cake Plates, one-half off, now..... 75c
$2.00 Chop or Cake Plates, one-half off, now.....$1.00
$3.00 Chop or Cake Plates, one-half off, now.....$1.50
$5.00 Chop or Cake Plates, one-half off, now.....$2.50

1/2 Off on Every Piece of French Bisque in the House

Hundreds of beautiful figures and ornaments—all at one-half regular prices—

All 25c Bisque Ornaments, one-half off, now.... 13c
All 50c Bisque Ornaments, one-half off, now.... 25c
All 75c Bisque Ornaments, one-half off, now.... 38c
All $1.00 Bisque Ornaments, one-half off, now.... 50c
All $2.00 Bisque Ornaments, one-half off, now....$1.00

1/2 Off on all Fine China Sugar and Cream Sets

that sold above $1.00—Dozens of new and beautiful styles for selection—

$1.25 Sugar and Cream Sets, one-half off, now.... 63c
$2.00 Sugar and Cream Sets, one-half off, now....$1.00
$3.00 Sugar and Cream Sets, one-half off, now....$1.50

1/2 Off on All Our Fine Fern Dishes

that sold above $2.00. Japanese, French and German China, beautiful decorations—

$3.00 Fern Dishes, one-half off, now.....$1.50
$5.00 Fern Dishes, one-half off, now.....$2.50
$8.50 Fern Dishes, one-half off, now.....$4.00

1/2 Off on All Our Finest French Dinnerware

that sold from $75.00 up to $200.00 per set—such celebrated makes as J. Pouyat & Co. and Havilands—

$75.00 French Dinner Sets, one-half off, now...$37.50
$100.00 French Dinner Sets, one-half off, now...$50.00
$150.00 French Dinner Sets, one-half off, now...$75.00

A great opportunity for those who have been contemplating buying Dinner Sets.

1-2 Off on All Our Fine China Salad Bowls and Celery Trays

that sold above $1.00—plain and fancy shapes—richly decorated in French, German and Austrian China—

$1.50 Salad Bowls or Celery Trays, one-half off, now..... 75c
$2.00 Salad Bowls or Celery Trays, one-half off, now.....$1.00
$3.00 Salad Bowls or Celery Trays, one-half off, now.....$1.50
$4.00 Salad Bowls or Celery Trays, one-half off, now.....$2.00
$5.00 Salad Bowls or Celery Trays, one-half off, now.....$2.50

1-2 Off on Every Umbrella Jar in the Store.

Some beautiful designs in Japanese ware—

$3.00 Umbrella Jars, one-half off, now...$1.50
$5.00 Umbrella Jars, one-half off, now...$2.50
$8.00 Umbrella Jars, one-half off, now...$4.00
$10.00 Umbrella Jars, one-half off, now...$5.00
$15.00 Umbrella Jars, one-half off, now...$7.50

1-4 Off on All French Dinner Sets

that sold from $30.00 up to $75.00. Among the noted makes are Lautinier, the Elite Factory, J. Pouyat & Co. and Theo. Haviland & Co. All you have to do when you pay the salesman is to deduct one-fourth from the plainly marked regular selling price—

$30.00 French China Dinner Sets, one-fourth off, now.....$22.50
$35.00 French China Dinner Sets, one-fourth off, now.....$27.25
$40.00 French China Dinner Sets, one-fourth off, now.....$30.00
$50.00 French China Dinner Sets, one-fourth off, now.....$37.50
$60.00 French China Dinner Sets, one-fourth off now.....$45.00
$75.00 French China Dinner Sets, one-fourth off, now.....$56.25

1-4 Off on All Men's and Women's Fine Umbrellas.

Nobbiest of handles and finest of Silk coverings. Come take your pick Friday at Saturday only, at these prices—

All $2.00 Umbrellas now.....$1.50
All $3.00 Umbrellas now.....$2.25
All $4.00 Umbrellas now.....$3.00
All $5.00 Umbrellas now.....$3.75
All $6.00 Umbrellas now.....$4.50
All $8.00 Umbrellas now.....$6.00
All $10.00 Umbrellas now.....$7.50

1-4 Off on All Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets,

In Ebony, Sterling mounted—or Solid Sterling Silver. Prices range from $1.00 per set up to $25.00—all at one-fourth off regular price—

Sterling Silver Desk Sets, Manicure Sets, etc.; five to ten piece Sets, handsomely boxed. Prices range from $1.50 per set up to $12.00—all at one-fourth off regular selling price.

One-fourth off on Jewel Cases, a small lot that sold for $5.00, now.$3.75

1/4 Off on All Leather Goods.

All our fine Chatelaine Bags, Pocketbooks, Card Cases, Traveling Cases, etc., at one-fourth off the regular price Friday and Saturday only—

25c Pocketbooks, one-fourth off, now... 18c
50c Pocketbooks, one-fourth off, now... 38c
75c Pocketbooks, one-fourth off, now... 57c
$1.00 Pocketbooks, one-fourth off, now. 75c
$2.00 Pocketbooks, one-fourth off, now.$1.50
$3.00 Pocketbooks, one-fourth off, now.$2.25
$4.00 Pocketbooks, one-fourth off, now.$3.00

All Leather and Fancy Wrist Bags and All Leather Chatelaine Bags one-fourth off now.

50c Leather Chatelaine Bags, one-fourth off, now 38c
$1.00 Leather Chatelaine Bags, one-fourth off, now 75c
$1.50 Leather Chatelaine Bags, one-fourth off, now $1.13
$2.00 Leather Chatelaine Bags, one-fourth off, now $1.50
$3.00 Leather Chatelaine Bags, one-fourth off, now $2.25

1/4 Off on All Jewelry.

German Silver, Mesh or Steel Beaded Bags—

$8.00 Beaded Bags, one-fourth off, now $6.00
$6.00 Beaded Bags, one-fourth off, now $4.50
$5.00 Beaded Bags, one-fourth off, now $3.75
$4.00 Beaded Bags, one-fourth off, now $3.00
$3.00 Beaded Bags, one-fourth off, now $2.25

All 50c Brooches, one-fourth off, now.. 38c
All $1.00 Brooches, one-fourth off, now 75c
All $1.50 Brooches, one-fourth off, now $1.13
All $1.00 Hatpins, one-fourth off, now... 75c
All 50c Hatpins, one-fourth off, now.... 38c
All $1.00 Stickpins, one-fourth off, now 75c
All 25c Belt Buckles, one-fourth off, now 18c
All 25c Pearl Button Waist Sets, one-fourth off, now 18c
All $2.00 Watch Fobs, one-fourth off, now $1.50
All $1.50 Watch Fobs, one-fourth off, now $1.13
All $1.00 Watch Fobs, one-fourth off, now 75c

1/4 Off on Silverware.

All our Rogers' quadruple plated Knives, Forks, Spoons, Tea Sets, Coffee and Chocolate Sets, odd pieces of silverware, at one-fourth off regular selling price—

Rogers' 12-Pwt. Knives and Forks, regular price $3.50 doz., one-fourth off, now $2.63
$5.00 Tea Sets of 4 pieces, now.....$3.75
$8.00 Tea Sets of 4 pieces, now.....$6.00
$10.00 Tea Sets of 4 pieces, now.....$7.50
$12.00 Tea Sets of 4 pieces, now.....$9.00

Every piece of Silverware reduced one-fourth regular price.

One-fourth off on all fancy Inkwells—that sold from 25c up to $5.00.

1/2 Off on All Our Finely Mottled and Hand-Painted Jardinieres and Pedestals.

50c Jardinieres, one-half off, now..... 25c
75c Jardinieres, one-half off, now..... 38c
$1.00 Jardinieres, one-half off, now..... 50c
$1.50 Jardinieres, one-half off, now..... 75c
$2.00 Jardinieres, one-half off, now.....$1.00
$3.00 Jardinieres, one-half off, now.....$1.50
$5.00 Jardinieres, one-half off, now.....$2.50
$6.00 Jardinieres and Pedestals, one-half off, now.....$3.00
$10.00 Jardinieres and Pedestals, one-half off, now.....$5.00
$12.00 Jardinieres and Pedestals, one-half off, now.....$6.00
$15.00 Jardinieres and Pedestals, one-half off, now.....$7.50
$18.00 Jardinieres and Pedestals, one-half off, now.....$9.00

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

IN the court of common pleas No. 3, No. 435, November term, 1902.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for grading Clayton avenue, from Perrysville avenue to northward to Division street, Second ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

S. A. PURVIS,
E. E. PHILLIPS,
S. T. M'CLELLAND,
Viewers.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

IN the court of common pleas No. 3, No. 246, November term, 1902.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

GEO. F. LARIMER,
THOS. R. HERD,
E. E. PHILLIPS,
Viewers.

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In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for constructing of a lateral sewer in Meade street, from Bell avenue to Rising Main avenue, Twelfth ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

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SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS Day is given up almost entirely to family gatherings. There will be few entertainments today, outside of the family dinner in all parts of the two cities, Mrs. Edward T. Cassiday's dance tonight for Miss Eethel Cassiday and one or two smaller house dances for the school set. This afternoon at 3 o'clock the Hunt club will have a long run from the clubhouse in the Beechwood boulevard, followed by tea. A large party of friends will go out to witness some portion of the run if the weather be favorable and in the evening there will be informal dinner parties in the club cafe with dancing later. The other clubs will keep open house throughout the day but no formal gatherings will be held.

The earlier part of the day will be devoted by a large portion of the young society people in personally delivering Christmas remembrances to their friends, some of the younger girls and members of the Fruit and Flower mission will visit the hospitals, carrying with them flowers and gifts for the sufferers in the wards. Though so much of their time is taken up by the brilliant social entertainments which are following in such rapid succession day after day, the younger girls this season have remembered the poor and invalid, and from the large crowded receptions where the debutantes have been surrounded by luxuriant flowers, have later given those same flowers to brighten the tired eyes in the hospitals and homes. The Farmington society and the Tow mission today have brought happiness into many homes throughout Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

This evening Mr. and Mrs. William Nimick Frew will give a large family dinner at their new mansion in Fifth avenue and the boulevard. Covers will be laid for 22, and the guests will include Mrs. Frew's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Berry, Mr. Frew's mother, Mrs. William Frew, the Boughmans, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Negley, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Flinn, Mrs. George W. Dilworth and the Misses Dilworth, and the young people of the family connection.

Marshall-McConahey.

A wedding last evening in Osage City, Kan., which interested many friends of the bridegroom in Western Pennsylvania, was that of Miss Alice Sheldon Marshall of that city, and John Pollack McConahey of Pittsburgh. The marriage was solemnized at 9 o'clock last evening in the First Presbyterian church of Osage City, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. George Nichols, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. Francis Blayney of Abilene. A reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marshall, followed the wedding.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Marshall, as maid of honor, and James McConahey of Chicago, a cousin of the bridegroom, as best man. Frederick McConahey was to have served his brother in that capacity, but could not go west because of the serious illness of their father, James McConahey, in Claysville, Washington county, Pa. Miss Florence Miller and Miss Effie Bodelle of Osage City, Miss Elizabeth Vincent and Miss Helen Little, of Emporia, were the bridesmaids. The ushers were Clyde Miller and William Nesbit, of Osage; Griffith and John Hoyer, of Emporia. The bride wore a wedding gown of white crepe de chine, trimmed with lace. The maid of honor wore nile green crepe de chine and the bridesmaids were in white. Elaborate decorations in red and green, holly and Christmas greens, prevailed throughout the house and the church.

Mr. McConahey and his bride will come directly to Pittsburgh and will be at home after February 1 in the Iroquois apartments, Oakland. The New Year's day reception which Mr. and Mrs. McConahey, the parents of the bridegroom, intended giving for their son and new daughter-in-law, has been indefinitely postponed.

Former High School Students Home.

Among the number of former Pittsburgh High school pupils away at college the following have returned to spend the Christmas holidays: From Vassar, Misses Mildred McCloskey, Annie Campbell, Roberts Johns, May Arrowsmith, Mary Barker, Ethel Green; from Smith, Misses Edia Steele, Mary Bickel, Alma Roberts; from Mt. Holyoke, Miss Ethel Ruenette; from Buchtel, Miss Hazel Clarke; from Woman's College of Baltimore, Miss Margaret Keley; from Oberlin, Miss Edith Gregg; from Cornell, Hugh Ferguson, John Lee Clyde Loughridge, Philip Lewis, John Todd, Max Haupt, Royal Thomas, Harold Bope, Ralph Ellis, James Fisher, Edward Evans, Montgomery Sleeth; from Harvard, Sidney J. Watt, Robert F. Foerster, Harry Bluestone; from State college, Benner Gessner, Ray Farrington, Walter Kirk, Ralph Detke; from Lehigh, Oliver Haller, Daniel Berg, Frank Vockrodt, John Fouse, Ira Greaves, William Barwis; from University of Pennsylvania, Frank Kier, Albert Kiefer, Mortimer Rothfeldt, Max Henriot, Randall Zimmerman, Norman Miller; from Rensselaer Polytechnic, William Fox, George Hughey, John Rankin; from Chicago university, George Barker; from Washington and Jefferson, J. Roy Dickie, William Ferguson, Leighton Campbell, Louis Rankin, Paul Herriott; from University of Michigan, Harry Hunt; from Jefferson Medical college, Homer McCready, Randall Zimmerman and Dane Griffith; from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Jesse Josephs, Justin Harlow; from Lafayette, Alexander McCandless; from Kenyon college, Fred Hartman; from Allegheny college, Miss Tetitle Johnson, Samuel Lampe and Frank Righter; from Geneva, Albert Schmidt; from Bennett's school, Miss Aseneth Cavitt.

The Farmington Society Treat.

The Farmington Society gave its annual Christmas treat to the poor children of Allegheny yesterday afternoon in Cyclorama hall. Four hundred of the poor children on the North Side were gathered together by the district nurse employed by the society and were treated to ice cream and cake and fruit, and before they left each child received a box of candy and a toy from the immense Christmas tree which occupied the place of honor in the hall. It was trimmed with tinsel, popcorn, candy, little Christmas tree fairies and lighted with candles. Upon it appeared many of the toys which were later presented to the children. Archie Denny, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmar D. Denny, presented Santa Claus, and brought to the children great baskets filled with toys.

The Farmington Society also sent Christmas dinners to 35 poor families, besides providing appetizing food, jellies and fruit for a number of sick people, clothing for others who were in desperate need, and fuel for other families who were without it. The society employs a district nurse the year round who cares for many of the poor and sick in Allegheny, and at Christmas time it gathers together the children for the Christmas treat. The officers are Miss Belle Challant, president; Miss Rebecca Darlington, vice president; Mrs. William C. Robinson, secretary, and Miss Sarah Ricketson, treasurer. The society has a membership now of over 40, the young women and younger girls who have been students at the fashionable boarding school at Farmington, Conn.

Chambers—Jones.

A handsome wedding took place on Tuesday evening in Braddock, which was of more than usual interest. It was the wedding of Miss Adela Chambers, daughter of William Chambers, manager of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company's works, and William L. Jones, a well-known coal operator of Irwin, Pa. It was the first marriage to be solemnized in the new St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal church, erected by Charles M. Schwab, about a year ago, as a memorial to his mother. The ceremony was performed at 6 o'clock by the rector, the Rev. W. A. Dyess. Miss Agnes Chambers, a sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Robert Jones, a brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Miss Catherine Leonard and Miss Mayme Leonard of Wilmerding, Miss Pearl Shallenberger of Braddock, Miss Myrtle Carrier of Brookville and Miss Mollie Jones and Miss Jessie Grace of Braddock were the bridesmaids. Edward Long and John Flowers were the ushers. After the ceremony a large reception was held at the Chambers' residence, "Oak Hill." Later in the evening Mr. Jones and his bride left for an extended wedding trip. They will live at Oak Hill for a time after returning, expecting to go to Irwin to make their home there later in the year.

The Princeton Hockey Game.

The Princeton alumni in Western Pennsylvania are rallying to the support of the hockey team from Princeton university which will play at Duquesne garden on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. James Hay Reed, Jr., son of the Hon. James Hay Reed, has secured two boxes for Friday evening, and these will be filled with a party of young people. Henry Lloyd of Dithridge street has also taken a box for Friday evening. Mr. Lloyd's son, Henry Lloyd, Jr., is a member of the Princeton team. A party of friends will be the guests of C. H. Curry in a box on Saturday evening, and E. L. Goehring will occupy a box on both Friday and Saturday evenings, with a party.

The Princeton team will arrive in Pittsburgh on Friday morning in a special car and will immediately go to the Hotel Schenley for breakfast. The morning will be spent in practice at Duquesne garden in preparation for the game in the evening.

Will Hold a Dickens Party.

The Woman's club of Homestead will have an unique entertainment on Saturday afternoon of this week, when the members will attend a social meeting in the character of women from Charles Dickens' tales. The entertainment will be conducted at the home of Mrs. C. J. Hutson, No. 316 Eleventh avenue, Homestead, and before the afternoon is over a prize will be presented the guest who succeeds in guessing the greatest number of the characters represented. Each member of the club has the privilege of inviting one or two friends for the afternoon. The committee in charge of the entertainment is made up of Mrs. Frank Hutson, Mrs. J. H. Slocum, Mrs. J. B. Neil and Mrs. E. H. Wood, and they will be assisted by Mrs. C. J. Hutson and Miss Adele Miller.

Skating Parties at the Garden.

Miss Mary Davidson will give a skating party on Wednesday evening, December 31. Two boxes have been reserved for the chaperones and those who will not skate.

Miss Harriet Nimick's skating party for the Walnut Lane schoolgirls will be held on Monday evening, December 29, at the garden.

Will Celebrate an Anniversary Day.

Capt. and Mrs. L. N. Clark have issued invitations for a reception to be given on Wednesday afternoon and evening, December 31, at the Hotel Henry, the hours being from 5 o'clock until 10. The occasion will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Capt. and Mrs. Clark.

Ball at the Club for Miss Magee.

Mr. and Mrs. James Neale's ball at the Pittsburgh club, in honor of Miss Louise Magee, will be held on Monday evening, December 29, and for which invitations were recently issued. Mr. and Mrs. Neale, however, will not participate in the festivities because of the death early in the week of Charles Neale of Bidwell street, Mr. Neale's father. Their places at the ball will be filled by Mr. and Mrs. Verner Scaife, Mrs. Neale's son-in-law and daughter, who will receive with their debutante sister, Miss Louise Magee.

Wedding in Crafton Today.

A quiet wedding in the Chartiers valley for Christmas afternoon will be that of Miss May Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Harrison of Emily street, and Mr. Frank E. Guy. The couple will take an eastern trip, and on their return will make their home in Crafton.

Dances and Cotillions Tonight.

Mrs. Edward T. Cassidy will give a cotillon for her debutante daughter, Miss Ethel Cassidy, this evening at the Hotel Schenley.

Miss Katherine Jennings and Miss Mary B. Jennings will be the guests of honor at the house dance which E. H. Jennings will give tonight at his home in Fifth avenue, Shadyside. The guests will include principally the girls and boys home from school.

This evening Mrs. William M. Gormly of Murray Hill avenue will give a dance for her son, William R. Gormly, who today celebrates his 21st birthday anniversary, and for his tow classmates at Temple college, Philadelphia, Eugene Wilkins and Frank P. Smith, which will spend the holiday vacation at the Gormly home.

CHANGED TO A TROLLEY LINE.

Syndicate Will Convert Bellaire, Zanesville & Cincinnati Railroad.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—A special Zanesville says that a rumor, practically confirmed by a party to the deal, is to the effect that the Appleyard syndicate has purchased the Bellaire, Zanesville & Cincinnati railroad and will convert it into a trolley line. The grades upon the road are said to make it difficult to operate the line as a steam road.

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The Winter Term of the Indiana Normal School.

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AMERICAN CAPITAL IN BIG FOREIGN GAS DEAL

Nearly a Billion Dollars Represented in the Formation of a Gigantic Gas Trust.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Daily News today says that capital, represented in the formation of a gigantic gas trust which will include the different companies in nearly all the principal cities of Europe and the large interests of London, A Chicago man is alleged to be the originator of the scheme and Chicago and New York capital is represented in the project.

John D. Rockefeller is credited with being a prospective stockholder to the amount of $300,000,000. Other New York capitalists said to be interested are Anthony Brady, D. O. Mills and A. R. Flower. C. K. G. Billings of the People's Gas Light and Coke Company. Anthony Brady, said to be one of the prime movers in the venture, will leave within 10 days for Paris to perfect the deal.

GROOM NOT TO BE FOUND.

His Sudden Disappearance Prevents a Wedding on Christmas.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Miss Hattie Auders is an unhappy girl tonight. She was to be married tomorrow but the prospective groom has disappeared. She resided with her sister, Mrs. Edward Hitchue, in this city. Her heart was won by Ford Kinney, a member of a volunteer fire company. He bought her a handsome wedding dress.

It was the plan for the wedding party to leave here in carriages today for Ryot, Bedford county, and tomorrow have a Christmas wedding at the home of the bride's parents. Kinney suddenly left the city and his whereabouts are unknown.

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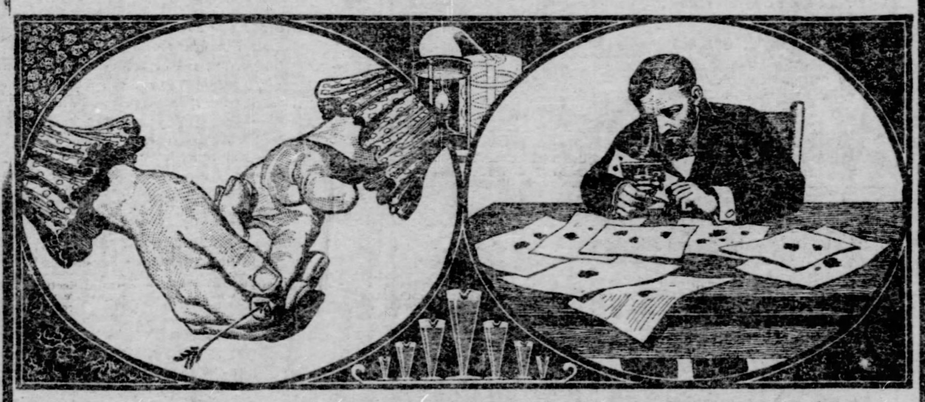

Place one drop of your blood (see above cut) on a small piece of special chemically prepared paper, send it to us, we will have it examined by our expert bacteriologist, and whatever germs of disease your system contains will be revealed under the powerful microscopic lens.

Every disease shows itself in the blood. It doesn't matter what it is, particularly if it's a germ-bred disease, you'll find it in the blood. Consumption germs float through the blood. So do cancer germs. As easily can you detect kidney diseases, rheumatism, eczema, scrofula, and many, many other diseases that are often very deceiving. Germs that create the disease, which take human lives are small, so infinitesimal that millions upon millions occupy a space scarcely perceptible to the naked eye. These little, living demons, some resembling spiders, others snakes, lizards, centipedes, tarantulas, are transported from one part of the system to another—the same as a river carries driftwood from one bank to another. When they come in contact with a particularly weak spot they cling to it, and, presto! you're in their grasp. They gnaw away the flesh and delicate membranes and tissues as a beaver eats away a tree—causing it to fall and die. The average person scoffs at weaknesses and the thought of germs, because he does not know what germs are, what they do, how they collect, and how to get rid of them. We recently read in the daily papers accounts of hostile Filipinos capturing natives who were friendly to Americans and tying them to ant hills to be devoured by these ravenous insects. Swarms of these ants will attack a piece of meat, and in a remarkably short time devour every particle of it, leaving the bones clean and white. While this is not a pleasant reflection, it nevertheless describes correctly the working of disease germs. They swarm in myriads to a weakened lung, to an oozing sore, to a disordered kidney, and to other organs of the body, and unless interrupted in their work by powerful medicines which kill them and eject them from the system, they tear down and devour the very vitals that we want most to protect. The surest and absolutely never-failing way to tell what kind of germs are in the blood—hence what kind of disease one has, or may be going to have, is to look at these little assassins, and see just what they are. The powerful glass in the hands of an expert never lies. When you know precisely what ails you, then you know how to treat it intelligently. Many people go blundering along in the dark, taking this thing and that for disease, sometimes striking it, but more frequently missing; then wonder why the medicine which cures pains in the chest doesn't cure them of consumption, when perhaps all that causes those pains in their case is indigestion. Many diseases have similar symptoms. The only sure way to detect disease is to examine at the foundation, and not depend too much upon symptoms. Every one can know precisely what disease they have by having their blood tested, and this test is free to everybody. "Blood Wine," the leading medicine of today, has from the moment of its discovery led the way in the general overthrow of disease merely because it treats disease in an entirely new way. The principle upon which "Blood Wine" works is to abstract from the blood the poisons that stagnate the system, and so cause each organ to perform its work. People that are diseased have some—frequently several—organs that are inactive. This medicine arouses them, in keeping with nature. It is not a temporary stimulant. It is not a narcotic, or a deadener of pain or feeling. It acts in the system as steam does in an engine. It furnishes energy, supplies fuel, and draws out of the blood the germs from every nook and corner. The makers of "Blood Wine," in order that everybody may have a chance to know scientifically what flows through their blood, have arranged with an eminent physician and bacteriologist—a man skilled in all the phases of bacteriology, who can tell at a glance at their blood the state of one's general health, the prospects for recovery, or the chances of early death; just what should be done to destroy the germs, and what should be done to rebuild the weakened tissues.

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Bad Stomach Trouble.

Mr. Benj. Sunnenberg of 202 W. 43d St., New York, was troubled with an awful case of dyspepsia. He couldn't eat, couldn't sleep and suffered untold agonies. Read his report: "I suffered so long and so severel with stomach trouble that I became a living wreck. I had no strength or vigor, and little ambition. 'Blood Wine' was recommended to me and I took four bottles of it. I am now entirely well and can eat anything. 'Blood Wine' is a grand medicine. Its gentle, laxative qualities will cure a torpid liver."

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CHRISTMAS BRIDES IN GREAT NUMBER

Prosperity Shown in the Increased Demand for Marriage Licenses.

Christmas brides are blooming vigorously at this season. This is the climax of a prosperous year. The marriage licenses issued for 1902, up to last night, exceeded the number of 1901 by 1,782. In 1901, 7,995 were issued and up to last night 9,777 had been issued in 1902. A week of the present year remains, which will in all probability bring the mark up to 10,000, a record-breaking number. The licenses issued yesterday were as follows:

Thomas A. Lewis	Houston P. O., Pa.
May Ann Reese	Brockton, Pa.
R. M. Dean	Butler county
Sadie P. Forsythe	Butler county
J. Baird Patterson	Westmoreland county
M. Jean Forsythe	Butler county
Thomas Handlon	East Pittsburgh
Rachel Harrison	East Pittsburgh
George A. Kelomington	McDonald
Jennie Hindmarch	Pittsburgh
George G. Hayes	Vandergrift
Mildred F. Fleming	Pittsburgh
Steve Waszity	Fayette county
Anna Reho	Pittsburgh
Henry W. Niepori	Lyman P. O.
Emma Kratzer	Allegheny
James A. Wells	Rankin, Pa.
Emma Hodge	Rankin, Pa.
Francis J. Howard	Pittsburgh
Ellen Collins	Pittsburgh
R. F. Moyer	Pittsburgh
Mabel V. Horburg	Sheraden
Earl St. John	Youngstown
Margaret Frankenberger	Glenshaw
Louis Bier, Jr.	Pittsburgh
Olivia Jones	Pittsburgh
Harry Saber	Allegheny
Kate Bernstiel	Allegheny
Thomas J. Barbin	Millvale
May Williams	Allegheny
Samuel Kirkwood	Pittsburgh
Elizabeth Skelly	Allegheny
Francis E. Sims	Salisbury
Agnes A. Scholl	Tarentum
Friedrich Boelmer	Allegheny
Augusta Williams	Allegheny
John J. Kehoe	Donora
Mary Pastorious	Clairton
H. L. Pyle	Oakmont
May Longdon	Allegheny county
Thomas Hunter	Washington county
Ella E. Kenney	Washington county
Charles Ashton	Allegheny
Frances Gruesck	Allegheny
John L. Steep	Pittsburgh
Julia Deder	Pittsburgh
Thomas W. Bollinger	Verona
Louise Boulton	Verona
John E. Wills	Allegheny
Clara E. Sheets	Haysville, Pa.
Edward M. Wilson	Bellevue
Anna Oliver	Allegheny
Edward Price	Pittsburgh
Frances Baltimore	Pittsburgh
Fred C. Province	Fayette county
E. Jean Reed	Fayette county
Florent Kinney	McDonald
Marie Wilson	McDonald
Harry J. Parton	Washington county
Lydia Morris	Ellwood
William J. Roach	Springdale
Millie Shaul	Chewick
James Painter	Pittsburgh
Elizabeth McGahen	Armstrong
Wilson Darragh	Westmoreland county
Minnie Biggerstaff	Oakmont
Edgar D. Lowry	West Virginia
Mollie Coe	West Virginia
J. D. Eaer	Pittsburgh
Irene Trewatha	Pittsburgh
John S. Cutshall	Pitcairn
Mina M. Peoples	Pittsburgh
Robert N. Findley	Pittsburgh
Ada J. Speak	Pittsburgh
Ernest P. Watkins	Wilkinsburg
Lillie A. Parker	Wilkinsburg
Henry Hill	West Newton
Bessie M. Smith	New Cumberland, W. Va.
Paul Tautsher	Willock P. O., Pa.
Mary Kurz Farrington	Willock, Pa.
Hollis C. Sprouse	Monessen
Mary V. Moyer	Bellevernon
Dallas G. Reeder	Cleveland, O.
Flora B. Merrison	Cleveland, O.
David Long	Dravosburg
Pearl Stofer	McKeesport
Colton Scarbrough	Pittsburgh
Ada B. McLean	Pittsburgh
William J. Hartigan	Cygnet, O.
Gertrude R. Thompson	Pittsburgh
Samuel E. McMinn, Jr.	Wilkinsburg
Nettie G. Kunkie	Wilkinsburg
Peter McGraw	Pittsburgh
Ellen Maskaw	Pittsburgh
James L. Thornhill	Oakdale
Lillie Hatcher	Oakdale
Marshall Howard	Pittsburgh
Mary Mitchell	Pittsburgh
Frank Grodman	Pittsburgh
Sarah Cashman	Pittsburgh
Richard D. Thomas	Pittsburgh
Elmaria Gaddis	Pittsburgh
Philip Meider	Pittsburgh
Henriette Beaumann	Pittsburgh
Edward Adams	Pittsburgh
Elizabeth Tyler	Pittsburgh
James H. Biddle	West Elizabeth
Sarah L. Baker	Washington county
Walter E. Seeger	Washington county
Luella Louthi	Washington county
Norman B. Smyers	Butler
Clara Stahl	Chicora
James A. Cane	Pittsburgh
Lizzie Gribbon	Pittsburgh
Robert McElvin	Pittsburgh
Annie McGuire	Pittsburgh
George Pense	Sharpsburg
Gertrude Bennett	Bloomswitch, O.
Robert F. Irvine	Pittsburgh
Alice M. Treefellner	Sheraden
Charles G. Adams	Pittsburgh
Amelia Wobele	Pittsburgh
Edward C. Miltenberger	Pittsburgh
Estella M. McKee	Pittsburgh
Chester W. Nichols	Pittsburgh
Sofia M. Link	Pittsburgh
Richard Graham	Braddock
Ella McWhirtir	Pittsburgh
Francis Craver	Pittsburgh
Margaret E. Anderson	Pittsburgh
Nealy W. Culbertson	Wilkinsburg
Essie J. Flick	Swissvale
Rufus Scott	Pittsburgh
Sarah Scales	Pittsburgh
W. A. Hine	Indiana
Nellie E. Flagg	Pittsburgh
D. J. Barnard	Barnardo P. O., Pa.
Zoe E. Davis	Pittsburgh
Herbert A. Vason	New Kensington
Lottie B. Seene	Ford City
Tell Fulkerson	Pittsburgh
Theresa Grotier	Pittsburgh
Henry Margins	Pittsburgh
Jane Ryan	Pittsburgh
John M. Cook	Turtle Creek
Margaret W. Beatty	Monroeville
Frederick C. Whitcomb	Pittsburgh
Harriet E. Harris	Thomastown, O.
Harry Duffy	Butler county
Savalla E. Morehead	Karns City
Wm. G. Treadell	Washington, Pa.
Dell Oliver	Carnegie
Clarence M. Davis	Avalon
Alice M. Faulk	Bellevue
Looless Burrwell	Pittsburgh
Daisy Taylor	Philadelphia
Joseph S. Masklyne	Pittsburgh
Elizabeth M. Stark	Sharpsburg
Fannie Gillie	Glassport
Annie M. Ramsey	Glassport
Charles M. McClintock	Turtle Creek
Bertha M. Gourley	Turtle Creek

Stop that Head Cold in 10 Minutes—or it will develop into chronic catarrh. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder stops cold in the head in ten minutes, and relieves most acute and deep-seated catarrh after one application. Cures quickly and permanently. "I have used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder with best results. It is a great remedy and I never cease recommending it." John E. Dell, Pauding, O.

B. & B.

Most of the million people within shopping distance know what this Store does the day after Christmas—those who don't and read this, will know.

All Fancy Holiday Goods are sold at Half Price on the 26th day of December—upstairs and down—everything of a Fancy Holiday Goods nature—and so marked and sold.

Therefore, get here tomorrow and reap the profit.

This is no ordinary sale but an Extraordinary one—and it will be done just as advertised.

When it's Half Price we say so and it *is* that.

Any lines not reduced or that we don't reduce that much we say so plainly—as that's the fair way and that avoids any misunderstanding.

1902 Chrsitmas business with us never had any equal, and tomorrow's Sale is to be an aggressive one.

Below outlines in figures how it will be done on Fancy Goods:—

$50.00 articles, $25.00	$ 5.00 articles, $ 2.50
$20.00 articles, $10.00	$ 2.00 articles, $ 1.00
$10.00 articles, $ 5.00	.50 articles, .25
	25c articles, 13c

Art Pottery, Bric-a-Brac and Novelty China Plates, and all Fancy China, etc., to be sold at *half* will be moved out of the China Room—to the Dry Goods portion of the store—there to be sold.

There are a great many lines of China as staple as Black Broadcloths and these are not included in the sale.

Therefore, please do not go first thing in the morning to the China Room for the half price Fancy China—but to the Dry Goods Section, where they are on center tables in the long wide aisles.

Cut Glass—tomorrow—will all be sold at just one-quarter off—whether it's a $2.00 piece or a $30.00 one—it remains where it always has been—in center of China Room.

There's a large stock of fine Cut Glass—and it's a Special Opportunity.

Silverware, Jewelry and high-class Gold and Silver Novelties, Kayser Zinn, etc., that's to be sold at Half Price, will be out and so marked—and there's an unusual stock of it so to go.

Some lines that are staple in the Silver and Jewelry Department will not be reduced and not in the Sale.

Fancy Leather Goods—Pocketbooks, Wrist Bags, Traveling Bags, Dress Suit Cases and Leather Novelties that are the least bit scuffed and all that's to be sold tomorrow—all at exactly half price.

Hundreds and Hundreds will get Leather Goods and many will get handsome Wrist Bags, Card Cases and other useful pretty things tomorrow.

Baskets and the Swedish Art Wood Baskets and Novelties will all be over near the Black Goods—all Half Price.

The stock is large and it will be a "Basket Picnic" worth attending.

Handkerchiefs—Men's, Women's and Children's—all—and it's quantities—that are mussed—all Half Price.

All the Mussed Neckwear—slight or otherwise—Collars and Stocks and Novelties to the dressiest kind at Half Price.

The Ladies' Neckwear is in the Lace and Embroidery aisle—and that's where this portion of the sale is.

Broken, Cracked and Chipped China, Art Pottery and Bric-a-Brac—and a lot of it—will all be on 125 feet of Center Tables in Flannel Aisle—sorted into lots and sold at six prices as follows—5, 10, 15, 25, 50c and $1.00—no difference whether it's a 10-Cent or a $20.00 piece.

Pictures, Tabourettes, Stools, etc., are on Second Floor—and it will pay to get up there early.

The Picture Collection is large and varied—and whether it's a 50c or $25.00 one it's Half Price.

Lot of Moradabad and Benares Brass Ware Half Price.

Poet and Toast Pillows and a few fine high-class Cushion Slips Half Price.

Lot of Hassocks Half Price.

Fine Japanese Lanterns, for indoor use, Half Price.

Books—lot of Books got mussed and shopworn during the "Rush"—they will go half off—some more than half off—others not quite that.

500 Cloth Bound Books—big assortment of titles by best authors—45 cent Books—**25c.**

Boys' and Girls' 25-Cent Books—12½c.

10 cent Books, **5c.**

$2.25, two volume setts, $1.12½.

Fine Library Editions of Poets—bound in one-half Calf and one-half Morocco—$1.00 and $1.25 kinds Half Price.

Lot Juvenile and Toy Books—Half Price.

Chance to get some choice Books and stock up your library for little money.

Blankets, Quilts—crochet to finest Imported Marseilles—Comforts and some Eiderdown—scuffed or soiled from showing—to be sold Friday at enough less price to move them at a lively rate.

Muslin Underwear—Sale starts Friday morning—all the 1902 stock of Medium and Finest Muslin Underwear, including finest hand-made French that is mussed from showing and all odd lines from the wholesale, will be priced so that women who want nice kinds can get it and save a lot of money.

Also, Infants' Dresses and Slips, Ladies' and Children's Aprons, White and Colored Lawn Dressing Sacques, Silk Petticoats and Corsets—all mussed and broken lines to be cleared right out, and Prices on to do it.

BOGGS & BUHL, Allegheny

High School Athletes Are in a Fighting Mood

ANOTHER MUTINY AT HIGH SCHOOL

Students Angry at Suspension of Basketball Player.

TEAM IS WEAKENED

The war between the High school faculty and the students of the academic department has broken out afresh, the trouble this time being over basketball. The rebellion has been caused by the suspension from all basketball games during the winter of McCrory, one of the standbys of the school on the gymnasium floor. The offense for which the basketball suffers the loss of its best players, is the playing of McCrory this season against McKeesport High school, when he was barely below the standard required as an average percentage in studies by all pupils engaging in athletics.

The members of the basketball team who are threatening to give up any attempt to fight for their school in athletics on account of what they regard as unfair treatment claim that McCrory failed only a fraction of a per cent of the necessary 65 and that he was not notified to refrain from playing by any of the professors. They therefore regard his punishment as most summary and do not stint at hinting that the action is due to a steady policy of running athletics into the ground by a member of the faculty, who they say cares more for having his way about any small matter of discipline than for the success of the school in athletics.

Indignation is but a mild term in describing the wrath of the students of the High school over this latest action. High school had admittedly the strongest basketball team among the local schools and counted on making up in this department for the comparative failure in football at the hands of Shadyside academy. Now it is felt that the team has been ruthlessly weakened. The McKeesport High school game was an easy one and having no bearing on the championship it is claimed that McCrory would never have been played if the captain of the team had only been notified and given a fair chance of knowing what was at stake.

The action taken against the basketball team would not have created such feeling at High school if it was not the second time that action this fall wrecked the football team and caused a small-sized mutiny in the school. At present the manager of the team is using his best efforts to get a game to close the season, while the players see little use in striving for a school which they claim is steadily trying to crush the life out of athletics and does not appreciate their efforts.

GOT SWEET REVENGE.

Carnegie Basketball Team Put It All Over McDonald.

Carnegie had sweet revenge last night by defeating McDonald in a furious game of basketball at Carnegie. McDonald did not have a look in and the first half ended with the score 30 to 0 in Carnegie's favor. In the second half McDonald began roughing it and "Doc" Irwin soon called the bluff and chinned with Spiller, both men being ejected. What was done by either man. The half was finished without further trouble. For McDonald Wee Willie Campbell played the whole game. Flaherty and Morgan were the stars of the guard, while little Flint was the star of the evening, and Stehle and Seible were not far behind. Lineup:

Carnegie—69.		McDonald—10.
Flint	Forward	Knight
Seible	Forward	Campbell
Stehle	Center	Springer
Flaherty	Guard	Spiller
Morgan	Guard	Gladden

Goals from field—Flint 9, Seible 10, Stehle 8, Flaherty 3, Morgan 2, Campbell 2, Springer 2, Hupp. Foul goals—Flint 3, Seible 2. Substitutes—Irvin for Knight, Knight for Shriver, Miller for Gladden. Referee—Honus Wagner. Timekeeper—Al Wagner.

AFTER RING HONORS.

One of Uncle Sam's Sailors Will Become a Fighter—He Has a Good Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—With the ambition to become featherweight champion of the pulse ring, Robert H. Calhoun, a "jackie" at the New York navy yard, will leave the service January 6 and return to his home, No. 1513 Emily street, Philadelphia, for a brief rest before looking for challenges.

Calhoun is only 20 years of age, but a splendid specimen of the American naval seaman. Which at 127 pounds. He stands five feet six inches in his stockings. Throughout the navy he has the reputation of being the champion fighter and a short time ago aboard the battleship Alabama he fought 12 rounds to a finish with one "Spike" O'Toole, a marine. This fight was won by Calhoun. Remarkable to relate Cal's home is one where who does not chew, smoke nor drink. He takes good care of himself and has unbounded confidence in his ability as a featherweight fighter.

FAST FIGHT EXPECTED.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Al Weinig Will Clash.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—On New Year's afternoon Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Al Weinig will box 20 rounds before the International Athletic club for a wager of $1,000 and 50 per cent of the gross receipts, winner to take all. Both men have been in strict training for the past two weeks and followers of the game in this city look forward to this match as a treat, regardless of the fact that O'Brien will enter the ring as a 2 to 1 favorite.

Weinig is confident of being capable of handling the money, and all odds of 2 to 1 are being taken by him and his admirers. The main preliminary will be a 12-round contest between Warren Zurbrick, the undefeated cycle boxer, and Joe Ilgen, champion of Buffalo and vicinity. The bout promises to be one of the fastest preliminaries ever seen in this part of the country.

SMITH FOR BOSTON.

Pittsburg Boy Will Be Under His Old Manager Again.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—George W. Smith of the New York team has been signed by the Boston Nationals for second base next season. He is a Pittsburgher, born there March 4, 1873, stands 5 feet 9½ inches tall and weighs 160 pounds.

Smith started playing ball with the Altoona team in 1895. The next season he was with Titusville and managed that team. Paterson got him in 1896 in the Atlantic league. The Louisville National league team bought him from Paterson and he played with Louisville for the season of 1897 and part of 1898. The rest of the season he was with Syracuse. He went to Rochester next season and last year was with New York.

BIG ICE YACHT.

It Will Be Built to Go After the Record.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24.—The Hepburn Boat and Oar Company of this city has commenced the construction of what will be the largest ice yacht in the world. It is building for D. C. Olin of Kalamazoo, Mich., who will enter it for the world's championship record in the regatta to be held on Gull Lake, Mich., from January 20 to 25, inclusive.

The dimensions are 26 feet, track of runners, backbone, 54 feet; mast, 30 feet; canvas, 800 square feet; total weight, over two tons. The principal competitor at the Gull Lake regatta will be the Jack Frost of the Hudson bay fleet, now champion of the world.

TIGERS START TRIP.

Will Stop Over in New York for Practice.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 24.—The university hockey team left here tonight for New York, where it will practice in preparation for its Christmas trip to Pittsburgh, where games will be played with the Pittsburgh athletic team, the Pittsburgh Intercholastic league team and the Pittsburgh hockey club team.

The following players will take the trip: L. B. Furnell, S. McClave and A. Spear, J. Bishop, Miller, Leake and Lloyd, Larned, Patton, O'Brien and Rafferty.

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Basketball Notes.

Eclipse A. C. defeated the Nationals of the Junior league at Glenndrew hall by the score of 24 to 14. For games address Edward A. Daum, 517 Third street, Allegheny.

The Carnegie basketball team will play D. C. and A. C. Friday and the Big Five of Philadelphia January 2. Both games will be played in Arcade hall, Carnegie.

A newly organized basketball team, to be known as the Perrysville A. C., will play Edgar A. C. of the Allegheny County Junior league in the former's hall, Friday evening. The Perrysville players are not beginners and will make things warm for the Edgars.

BILLINGS' HORSES GO TO CLEVELAND

Entire String of Harness Horses Shipped—Noted Sportsman Drove Many Performers.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Today Frank Gibbons loaded all of the trotters and pacers of the C. K. G. Billings roadster string now in New York and shipped them to Cleveland, where they will remain until about the middle of February or the first of March, when they will be sent to the Memphis track to be prepared for the maiden season. Those to be shipped to Cleveland, where they will join several others of the string, are: The Monk, 2:05¾; Mazette, 2:04¾; Bontas Choice, 2:07½; Home Circle, 2:08½; Louise Jefferson, 2:09¾; Lucille, 2:07; and Rose Allerton, 2:11½.

Mr. Billings is the local horse owner of the country and a fine specimen of the true sportsman. It can truly be said that he has done more in the way of driving fast miles than any other horseman in the world, amateur or professional. His record is really a wonderful one. He has driven The Monk in 2:08¾ to wagon, Mazette in 2:04¼, Louise Jefferson in 2:07. These are among the lot to be shipped to Cleveland today; two others, Home Circle and Babe Allerton, which he bought at the recent sale at Madison Square Garden, he has not yet pulled a line over.

Aside from those mentioned, when one comes to look over the horses he has sent fast miles to wagon, and all his own property, the record is simply marvelous. Many a high-class professional driver would hesitate a long time before attempting to do what Mr. Billings did with the great pacer, Little Boy, at Memphis. Mr. Jones had driven the pacer a mile in 2:02, and before a great crowd at the Memphis track, Mr. Billings drove him to beat that mark. He had never been behind him before, but once, yet he drove him a mile in 2:01¾, going the last seven-eighths at a two-minute gait.

He drove Free Bond in 2:04¼, which was the world's wagon record at the time; Fred S. Wedgewood in 2:05¾, Dr. Book in 2:10, Dr. Monical in 2:07, Prankner in 2:10½, Elfert in 2:12, Argo Medium in 2:13, Bumps in 2:08, Dan Westland in 2:11¼, Sunland Belle in 2:08¼, Minerva in 2:15, Texana, a green trotter, in 2:13; Jimmy Hague in 2:15, Mabel Onward in 2:12½, and Major Greer in 2:15. On different occasions he has hooked those of his horses which seemed to have qualities out of which good teams are made to pole and driven them miles in fast time.

He drove The Monk and Louise Jefferson to pole but three times. The first mile with them was trotted in 2:14, with a break in it which was costly. The second time he drove them in 2:12½, and the third time he tried them he sent them from wire to wire in 2:12¾, and could have made it in 2:10 with a little more leeway. But Louise Jefferson corded up and was taken out. Mr. Billings then put The Monk in single hitch and drove him a mile in 2:07½. He drove Frankee and Pattleton to pole in 2:07, the last half in 1:01. Montas Crooker and Tulsa he drove in 2:13 and Emma S. and Arpal in 2:21.

In Lexington he drove Frankee and Wrightwood two miles in 4:40, a 2:20 gait; the first half in 1:07 and the last quarter in 32½, which is probably the world's amateur record for two miles, and he drove The Monk a mile and an eighth over the Empire City track in 2:25. These are but a few of the many miles he has driven. On one occasion he was known to drive 17 mile heats in one day, in time ranging from 2:09½ to 2:15. Doc Tanner just about broke down a couple of running pacemakers, and a pacer had to be used for the purpose at the finish. He and his friends drove 30 timed miles that day.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE HAS POWER TO ACT

Garry Herrmann Assures Ban Johnson That the National is Not Fooling.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Garry Hermann, chairman of the National league peace committee, has sent word to Ban Johnson, assuring the American league leader that the old league has delegated full power to its representatives to the peace conference to negotiate whatever terms they see fit at a meeting of the joint committees of the two leagues on January 5.

The report was circulated that the American league would not be willing to treat with the committee of the National league unless it was given full power to act for the league and not merely to act as messengers to take back the proposal of the Johnsonites to the next meeting of the National league.

With unlimited power given the committees the prospects for a complete understanding between the two major leagues in baseball look bright for the fans. It is thought that an agreement will be made which will regulate the game and also the salaries of the players for the coming season.

OFFICER FATALLY SHOT.

Wounded by Negro Who Was Captured After an Exciting Chase in Two States.

WHEELING, W. VA., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Officer Late Bowen is in a dying condition at the City hospital with bullets in his abdomen and head, fired by Noah Ross, a young negro whom he was trying to arrest this morning for a misdemeanor. Bowen showed remarkable nerve after being wounded, pursuing Ross until he fell from exhaustion produced by loss of blood. Ross ran across two bridges into Bridgeport, O.

Policeman John Moore was waiting for him at the end of the bridge in Ohio. Ross knocked him down and Moore fired a shot which struck the fugitive in the heel. At the top of a hill on the Cadiz pike, two miles west of Bridgeport, Will Crook, a farmer, who had received a telephone message that the negro was headed that way, levelled a shotgun at his head and compelled him to halt. Ross was brought back and lodged in jail.

LIVED IN FILTH AND SQUALOR.

An Aged Man of Allegheny to Be Taken Charge Of.

Fredrick Myers, aged 79 years, said to be the dirtiest man in Allegheny county, is to be sent to the city poor farm today by the Allegheny department of charities. The old man for the past four years has lived in a stable in the rear of Hermann Trautmann's property in Compromise street, refusing to leave there when ordered to. His appearance and habits became so offensive that formal complaint was made yesterday.

It is said by some that Myers has not washed himself since the death of his wife, 33 years ago. Those who live near where Myers has made his habitation say that he subsisted principally upon tainted meats and rotted vegetables taken from garbage cans.

BURGLARS USED DYNAMITE.

Wrecked House, Killing Man and Fatally Injuring a Woman.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Word received here tonight from Manuington district, this county, is to the effect that Mrs. Robert Floyd cannot recover as a result of an explosion at her home last night. The house was dynamited by burglars with a view of securing $1,000, which they failed to get. The husband was instantly killed. The house is in a mass of ruins.

Allegheny Youngster in Trouble.

Alderman Henry Hunneshagen of Allegheny yesterday held George Kraus, aged 14, for juvenile court in $300 bail. The boy is charged with stealing from cars on the West Penn tracks. He lives with his parents at No. 4 McDonald way, Allegheny. More arrests may follow as Krause is said to be but one of a gang of boys and young men who have been stealing from the West Penn for months.

Charged With Highway Robbery.

Jeremiah Meyers, colored, was committed to jail yesterday by Justice G. W. Giles of Homestead for trial at court on a charge of attempted highway robbery. Edward Hughes alleges he was held up by Meyers.

Ohioan Becomes Generous.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—John R. McLean, president of the Washington Gas Light Company, today presented each of the 285 employes of the company with a $5 gold piece.

CHANCE TAKERS HAD GREAT LUCK

The Third Event at New Orleans Was a Christmas Gift.

LIKE FINDING MONEY

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The weather was clear today, the track fast and the sport exciting. Favorites and long shots split the events. The surprise of the day happened in the third event, which was won by Boundlee, a 20 to 1 shot, with Sister Kate, at 80 to 1, second. The summaries:

First race, selling, 7 furlongs—Hiram Johnson, 100, Hoar, 7 to 1, won; Major Tenny, 108, Gannon, even, second; Lemoyne, 102, Redfern, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:28 3-5. John Potter, Tamah, Lawrence M., Wrangdoodle, Maxille and Pushnell also ran.

Second race, 7 furlongs—Athlone, 106, Rice, 10 to 1, won; Agnes Mack, 103, Fuller, 25 to 1, second; Harry, 105, Helgerson, 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:02. Mrs. Frank Foster, Shrine Farmer, Jib, Latuka, Ring Rove, Hindi and Daddy Bender also ran.

Third race, selling, 6½ furlongs—Boundless, 105, Donegan, 20 to 1, won; Sister Kate, 100, A. Hall, 80 to 1, second; The Bronze Demon, 105, Scully, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:21 1-5. Montanic, Zackford, Limelight, Ben Frost, Eva Rice, Kiss Quick, Boomerack, Iris and Sue Johnson also ran.

Fourth race, mile—Lizzie L., 102, Helgerson, 6 to 5, won; Little Scout, 105, Buchanan, 5 to 2, second; Artena J. Winkheld, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:41 2-5. Nitrate, Rider and Antonio also ran. Kilogram and Ray were left at the post.

Fifth race, selling, 1 1-16th miles—Sarilla, 105, Munroe, even, won; Mosketo, 102, Pullock, 7 to 2, second; Marcos, 95, Scully, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:50. Annie Lauretta, Satin Coat, Peter Duryea and Croesus also ran.

Sixth race, selling, 6½ furlongs—Bummer, 105, Fuller, 3 to 1, won; Ed. L., 105, Donegan, 10 to 1, second; Pioneer, 100, D. Gilmore, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:21 4-5. Alfred C., Moroni, Fairchild, Galaday, Frank Kenny, Sir Vere de Vere and Prince Mishroze also ran.

Tomorrow's entries:

First race, 6 furlongs—Fair Lass, 99; Patrice, 99; Applerose, Heroine, Phildemic, 92; Latuka, 97; Mayer, 101, Sweet Alice, 100; Glenmeyle, 103; St Ah, 105; Jane oily, 107; Wealth, 110.

Second race, selling, mile—Judge Durell, 105; Blue Ridge, 92; Paul Creston, O'Hagen, 100; Sunnitown, 103; Scott Thiks, 101, Sandre, 105; Joe Dougherty, Chopin, Blue Blaze, 104; Econe, 105; Potente, 107.

Third race, handicap, 7 furlongs—Antonius, 98; Sir Kingsley, Gang of Avon, 100; Dolesseke, 102; W. J. Debso, 115; Farmer Jim, 90, and John Peter, 120, coupled, Hildreth entry.

Fourth race, Christmas handicap, $1,000 added; mile—Brief, 98; Ben Chance, Whisky Ring, 100, Emshee, 108; Harry New, Moor, 110; The Conqueror, 111; Od Hutch, 113; Wasville, 115; Alphabian, 116; Federal, 116; McChesney, 128. *M. H. Tichenor & Co.'s entry.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—Agnes Mack, Appleseed, Kiwana, Sue Thompson, Glenlora Tancred, 93; Henry McDaniel, 97; 1634, Ben Mora, 103; Captain Gaston, Imp L'Etienne, 107; John Peters, 122; Golden Rule, 123.

Sixth race, selling, 1 mile—Hattie Davis, 88; Pay the Fiddler, Gingaray, Gogawell, 103; Adelante, Rastus, 104; Lady Chorister, 108.

TRACK WAS SLOW.

Horses at Ingleside Found the Going Heavy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Weather cloudy; track slow at Ingleside today.

First race, 6 furlongs, selling—Montana Peerless, 102, Reed, 29 to 1, won; Martin Bell, 108, Waldo, 2½ to 1, second; Chapple, 102, Waterbury, 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:30. Ravioli, Rose Ricot, Gladiator, Rey Dare, Nonie, Brissack, Dr. Bernays, Bonnie Lassie also ran.

Second race, 1 mile, selling—Nignette, 79, Connell, 4 to 1, won; Dotterell, 84, L. A. Jackson, 3 to 1, second; Ignacio, 107, Minder, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:43¾. Dora Weir, Demarle, Kickumbob, John Finnerty, Gillis, Escanola, Quatre also ran.

Third race, 7 furlongs, selling—Ned Dennis, 111, Birkenruth, 6 to 1, won; Jim Gore, 111, Ransch, 4 to 1, second; Monorito, 107, Minder, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:29½. Mission, Sugden, Homage, Sea Lion, Assessment, Lou Weiza also ran.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs, handicap—Sad Sam, 112, Burns, 4 to 1, won; Huachuca, 108, Birkenruth, 3 to 1, second; Kenilworth, 121, Ransch, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:14¾. The Pretter also ran.

Fifth race—Futurity course, selling—Sylvis Talbot, 107, Ransch, even, won; St. Hicho, 108, Burns, 15 to 1, second; The Owl, 107, Minder, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43. Iris, St. Winifred, Blue Miracle, Hudson also ran.

Sixth race, 1 mile, selling—Sluyve, 102, Donnelly, 5 to 1, won; Miles, 95, Connell, 4 to 1, second; Horton, 112, Bullman, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:43. Frank Wood, Sleeping Child, Velma Clark also ran.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Two Men Under Arrest, but a Third Suspect Fled Across the Ohio River.

Mike Dragan and Mike Meinick were arrested and sent to jail yesterday charged by Coroner McGeary with the murder of Valentine Ostrasky at Sohodeville last Saturday night. Joe Kopczak is also being held as an accessory after the fact and his brother Paul, who is wanted on a murder charge, is still at large.

Deputy Coroners Charles Bender and Frank Rohan made the arrests yesterday afternoon. When they went to search Paul Kopczak's house he was not "at home." The deputies went to the garret of the place and heard a disturbance down stairs. They saw a man running from the house toward the river and board a ferry boat for the Allegheny side.

When the deputies came down they asked Joe Kopczak who the man running was and he said he did not know. A woman later said it was Paul Kopczak. Before the Allegheny police could get to the ferry boat landing the man had escaped from the boat and up until a late hour last night he had not been located.

From information secured by the deputies yesterday it appears that six Hungarians went to a speakeasy in Stowe township Saturday afternoon. Ostrasky was there and the men all drank together. Soon the six left, but Ostrasky remained.

Just as he stepped out the front door of the place to go away about half an hour later he was struck on the head with a beer bottle by one of the six men and was taken to St. John's hospital, where he died.

NEW COMBINE FORMED.

Shaft and Pole Manufacturing Concerns of Country Consolidate.

AKRON, O., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A combination has been effected of all the shaft and pole companies of the country. The promoter, F. M. Attersolt of this city announced the successful organization of the company today. It will be known as the Pioneer Pole and Shaft Company and has been incorporated in West Virginia for $50,000,000.

In addition to this issue of stock, bonds to the amount of $750,000 will be put out. The officers of the company are: President, W. A. Snyder of Piqua; vice president, G. A. Lambert of Muncie, Ind.; secretary and treasurer, Frank D. Kiplinger of Canton.

DO IT YOURSELF.

It is easy to tell whether your Kidneys are diseased. Take a bottle or glass tumbler and fill it with urine. If there is a sediment after standing over night, there is something wrong with the Kidneys. Other sure signs of disease are a desire to urinate often, pain in the back, or if the urine stains linen.

There is no question that Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the best and surest medicine in the world for diseases of the Kidneys, Liver, Bladder and Blood. Rheumatism, Dyspepsia and Chronic Constipation. It quickly relieves and cures inability to hold urine and the necessity of getting up a number of times during the night. It puts an end to that scalding pain when passing urine and corrects the bad effects of whisky and beer. It is sold at all drug stores in two sizes, 50c and $1.00 per bottle.

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Male and Female Help.

MALE and female help supplied. WALKER, 210 Duquesne way. Dia. Phone.

RELIABLE male and female help supplied. National, 402 Federal st., Allegheny.

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EXPERIENCED office man, now holding responsible position, wishes to correspond with reliable firm or party in need of services; leaving change January 1. Address P. O. box 1627.

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A USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENT.
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SEND for complete list of East End houses.
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En suite; new Lewis Block annex, Sixth avenue and Smithfield street; large, sunny and centrally located.
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PARTHENIA APARTMENTS, ready Jan. 1, in the choicest location in Brushton; 5 large rooms, bath, reception hall, double parlors, cabinet mantels, hot water, front and rear porches, large yard; all light outside rooms; janitor service; tenants can select decorations. These are the nicest medium priced flats in the East End and are modern in every respect and will be rented to a nice class of people only. It is the intention of the owner to keep these flats in first-class condition. Long leases will be given at reasonable rental.
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15.00 " " Homewood ave., nr. Beechwood blvd., 3 single and two box stalls, with carriage room.
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Price $2,300—$700 cash needed; two FRAME HOUSES of 4 rooms each; in good condition; will rent for $24 per month; level lot.
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Groceries—Groceries—Groceries.
We have some splendid bargains in groceries, with or without living rooms, at $125, $500, $600, $800, $1,200, $1,500; it will be to your interest to investigate these places without delay.

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26"x36" x36 (150 H. P.), R. H., McIntosh & Seymour.
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12½"x18½"x15" Cross Compound (250 H. P.), Armington & Sims.
14"x16" (125 H. P.), R. H., Greene.
13"x16" (125 H. P.), R. H., Greene.
12"x14" (100 H. P.), L. H., Russell.
11½"x18½"x13" Upright Cross Compound (175 H. P.), Armington & Sims.
10"x14" (90 H. P.), C. C., Ball.
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—CORLISS ENGINES—
36"x72" (1,400 H. P.), R. H., Corliss Steam Engine Company.
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ENGINES.
32x54 and 28x60 Corliss.
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1—7' Ste

HOLIDAY MARKETS CLOSED VERY FIRM

In Spite of Stiff Rates for Call Money, Eastern Stocks Rallied and Closed Higher--Little Doing in Pittsburgh.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

Lower London quotations for American stocks encouraged Wall street traders to operate for a further decline yesterday, and when the rate for call money opened at 10 per cent bid, and $500,000 loaned at that figure, they were convinced that the Christmas money was to be found on the short side of the market. As a consequence, the lowest prices of the day occurred during the first half hour. Although call loan rates eased up only to a slight extent, and renewals were made at an average of 9 per cent, the pressure on the stock market was not severe. On the contrary, offerings were readily absorbed, and as the tractions displayed unusual strength, they finally turned the whole market in an upward direction, and the close was strong at the best prices of the day. The buying of Brooklyn Rapid Transit was by brokers who often execute orders for Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Flower & Co., and traders regarded this as significant, although it did not justify the revival of the rumor that the property was being bought in the interests of the Pennsylvania railroad. Manhattan and Metropolitan each rallied 2 per cent, the former to 147½ and the latter to 130. It was reported that the Rothschilds had invested $10,000,000 in the Interborough Company, which latter was organized for the purpose of giving Greater New York a rapid transit system. Other strong features of the day were Amalgamated Copper, Sugar, St. Paul, Canadian Pacific, and Reading, the buying of the last named being of the same confident character that has been seen of late. There was a revival of the story that the relations between the Sugar Company and the best sugar manufacturers were more friendly than at any time for a year, and that it was possible the opposition to reciprocity with Cuba would be removed. Aside from a few railroad earnings reported for the second week in December, there was very little news affecting the general market, and as the session wore along trading came almost to a standstill. From noon until 3 o'clock only a little more than 100,000 shares changed hands, and the total for the day was only 363,000 shares. All the grain exchanges of the country, with the exception of that at St. Louis, were closed yesterday, as were also the commercial exchanges, and with the holiday sentiment so generally prevailing, the stock exchanges were very slimly attended.

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Wall street opinion, as expressed in market letters issued by commission houses after the close of the market last night were generally of a cheerful character. The general view is that a revival of speculative activity will turn upon the state of the money market. As a rule it is believed that large interests have supplied themselves with sufficient time funds to carry them well into the middle of January, and that any flurry that may occur in call money to-morrow or during the opening days of next week will not be particularly significant, but will merely represent the requirements of a comparatively few belated borrowers. If by the middle of January the current of money is toward New York—and this has been the experience for a long series of years—then the movement will be accepted as a normal condition of affairs in monetary circles, and commission brokers will again feel at liberty to encourage margin trading. If the movement is slow, or if the government continues to absorb money at the rate it has been doing, then "bulls" will not feel so confident. One day this week the customs payments in New York amounted to $1,181,489, which is said to be the largest for any single day, with the possible exception of a period of impending tariff changes, when there is a rush to enter foreign goods. The transfers of funds to Chicago and New Orleans against deposits in New York, during the calendar year to date, have been $20,966,700 besides $3,650,000 to San Francisco, making a total of $24,046,700. This compared with $21,655,000 for the same part of the last calendar year. "The increase," Treasurer Roberts says, "has been largely in transfers to San Francisco, and therefore indicates a special activity on the Pacific Coast, said by some to be due to the size of the crops and by others to the Hawaiian sugar trade." Yesterday, however, Treasurer Roberts authorized the transfer by telegraph of $750,000 from San Francisco to New York. This cross movement between the two coasts has been one of the puzzling features of the past two months. Reports from all over the country indicate that the holiday trade this year was greater than ever before. It certainly surpassed all records in Pittsburgh. To a considerable extent the money thus spent has been hoarded for weeks if not months, and for that time has been absolutely out of circulation. It remains to be seen whether it will speedily return to the channels of trade, and whether it will be of sufficient volume to change a stringent condition of the market to one of comparative ease.

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On the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday the holiday spirit had almost complete control. Thus far there has been little change in the local money market and business is still restricted to a cash basis; but brokers feel that the end of the long period of stringency and liquidation is in sight—that the market now is in a stronger position than it has been for weeks, and, therefore, does not need such close watching. As a consequence the attendance at the exchange was comparatively light, members coming in near the close of the session to give the day the proper send-off and extend seasonable greetings. The total transactions for the day reached only 1,496, and the bulk of the business was handled early in the session. Price changes were insignificant, being equally divided between gains and losses. There were no sales of Westinghouse Electric seconds preferred, but the stock advanced to 98 and closed at that price bid. Airbrake declined half a point on sales of 100 shares. A small lot of First States National bank sold at 140, an advance of 3 per cent over the last previous sale. There was nothing doing in bonds and prices remained nominally unchanged.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Transactions on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday aggregated 1,496 shares. Sales:

10 to 10:30 a. m.

25 U.S. Nat. Bk.	140	10 Crucible pfd...	84
50 W. Airbrake	176	15 do	84
50 do	176	100 do	83⅞
100 U. S. S. com.	34½	37 W. Glass pfd.	87½
20 U. S. S. pfd.	84½	25 Crucible com.	19
15 Pgh. Coal pfd	87	50-45 do	19
100 do	87	50 Brewing com.	29¾
100 P. Coal com.	28⅝		

10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

50 P. Coal com.	28⅝	12 U. S. S. pfd.	84
100 U. S. S. com.	34½	50 do	84
50 W. Glass com	51½	25 Pgh. Coal pfd.	86⅝
50 do	51½	10 Electric 1sts.	100
97 Con. Ice com.	11	10 Fire P. pfd....	30½
50 U. S. S. pfd.	85⅜	50 do	30½

12:30 to 2 p. m.

100 Brewing com. 29¾

2 to 3 p. m.

15 Con. Ice com.	10⅝	40 Fire P. com...	25½

Rights.

1-3 U. S. Cable.....120

Summary.

SHARES. Sales.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.	C'ge.
150 Brewing com..	29⅝	29¾	29⅝	+⅛
82 Cons. Ice com..	11	10⅝	10⅝	+⅛
115 Crucible Steel..	19	19	19	—¼
125 Do preferred..	84	83⅞	83⅞	+⅛
40 Fire Proofing...	25½	25½	25½	+⅛
60 Do preferred..	38½	36½	36½	—½
150 Pgh. Coal.....	28⅝	28⅛	28¼	—
140 Do preferred..	87	86⅝	86⅝	—⅛
230 U. S. Steel....	34½	34¼	34¼	—⅛
142 Do preferred..	84½	83⅝	84	—⅛
100 West. Airbrake.	176	176	176	—½
10 W. Elec. 1sts..	100	100	100	—
100 Window Glass..	51½	51½	51½	—½
55 Do preferred..	87⅝	87⅛	87⅝	—⅛
25 U. S. Nat. Bk.	140	140	140	+2
1498				

RIGHTS.

1-3 U. S. Cable.....	120	120	120	0

Closing Bids and Offers.

STOCKS. Pgh. Bks	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Arsenal	150		Ally Bks. Ally Tr....	151	
Bk. of Pgh		134	D.S. F. & T.	285	300
City Dep....	200		Nat. Gas.		
Manufac's	120		M. L. & H.	80¼	91
Monong'la	208		Railroad.		
N. S. W. P.	105	200	A. Val. pfd		30
T. & C.	95		Electric.		
W. S. & D.	115½	120	W. 2nd pfd.	98	
Federal	148	148¼	Miscellan's.		
Trust Cos.			Crucible St'l	18⅞	19
Americ'n	146	149	Do pfd....	83¾	84
Guarantee		145	Marsden		
Pennsyl'a		200	N. Fireproof	25¾	25½
R. E. Tr.		282	Do pfd....	38	
S. D. & T.	116½	117½	Phila. Co..	44¾	45¼
Colwealth	229		U. S. Glass.		146
			Do pfd....	175	

BONDS.

P., McK. & C. 1st 5s	98

UNLISTED SECURITIES.

STOCKS.					
A. W. G....	51½	51¾	P. Coal pfd		86¾
Con. Ice....	10¾		P. Fr. Glass	135	138
M. R. C. & C.	9⅝	10½	P. S. & R.	3	
Do pfd....	40	40¾	Do pfd....		181½
Pgh. Brew.	29¾	29¾	U. S. Steel	34½	34⅝
Do pfd....	46	46½	Do pfd.	83¾	84
P. Coal....	28⅛	28¼	BONDS. B.K. & A.T.		118

*Ex-dividend.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Not much attempt was made yesterday by local brokers to transact regular business. Congratulations and cigars were the order of the day in most offices. Henry Sproull & Co. served refreshments all day. A. J. Lawrence & Co. also provided luncheon for visitors. At the stock exchange songs and general jollity were the orders, chiefly executed. John B. Harbaugh, for 10 years a clerk and bookkeeper of the Pittsburgh stock exchange, was made treasurer of the Christmas offering of members to employes, and the fund this year was larger than usual. Just before the gong sounded the close of the day, the brokers fell in line back of President Mustin and marched around the hall ring, and the ceremonies closed with songs by the exchange's double quartet.

Just before the close of the market a trader offered to buy or sell Federal National bank at 148, but found no one to accommodate him.

South Side Trust was offered at 100.

Manufacturers Light and Heat was firmer, advancing to 89¼ bid. Ft asked.

The gross earnings of Chesapeake & Ohio for the second week in December increased $32,407, Louisville & Nashville increased $62,500, and Missouri Pacific increased $76,000.

The Mortgage Banking Company has moved into its new banking room at the corner of Fourth avenue and Cherry alley. The company is one of the newer banking institutions that has been very prosperous, its stock being on a 6 per cent dividend basis. Its directors are: Samuel Garrison, president; Charles Holmes, vice president; Charles B. Lawton, second vice president and manager; A. F. Howard, treasurer; William B. Lawton, secretary; L. S. Brock, Walter Morris and Prestley G. Walker.

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It is customary for the great international money markets to show a hardening tendency at the close of the year and this season promises to be no exception to the rule. Already, in fact, the European rates for borrowing money and discounts having advanced within the past few days. The greatest strain at present converges on the open market at London, which is dependent to a large extent upon the usual on the Bank of England, a condition that recently caused the governors of the institution to raise the rate for short loans to 4½ per cent. While this is largely holding an advance in the bank's official minimum rate of discount, it practically amounts to the same thing, except that it does not have as great an influence on business generally. A condition that also advances applies to the securities markets rather than to the trade discounts. These, however, have been affected to some extent in sympathy with the higher quotations for short loans to the market.

England's export of iron and steel during November increased 43½ per cent, in quantity over 1901, but increase in value was only 24⅝ per cent.

The November statement of Wheeling & Lake Erie shows an increase of $39,026 in gross and an increase of $7,392 in net earnings.

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It is customary for the great international money markets to show a hardening tendency at the close of the year and this season promises to be no exception to the rule. Already, in fact, the European rates for borrowing money and discounts having advanced within the past few days. The greatest strain at present converges on the open market at London, which is dependent to a large extent upon the usual on the Bank of England, a condition that recently caused the governors of the institution to raise the rate for short loans to 4½ per cent. While this is largely holding an advance in the bank's official minimum rate of discount, it practically amounts to the same thing, except that it does not have as great an influence on business generally. A condition that also advances applies to the securities markets rather than to the trade discounts. These, however, have been affected to some extent in sympathy with the higher quotations for short loans to the market.

England's export of iron and steel during November increased 43½ per cent, in quantity over 1901, but increase in value was only 24⅝ per cent.

The November statement of Wheeling & Lake Erie shows an increase of $39,026 in gross and an increase of $7,392 in net earnings.

The London Statist, just received, says: "We understand that such negotiations with Imperial and a Prussian loan will be brought out very early in the new year—probably in January. Some of our readers, no doubt, have noticed that the imperial government has already borrowed largely from the Imperial bank, and therefore it is assumed as certain that once the money markets of Europe and America become quieter and more favorable the loans will be issued. It is not known to what they will amount to, but the general expectation is that they will together sum up to about £15,000,000, or possibly £20,000,000. The German government—and in this matter the German is identical with the Prussian government—is not in the habit of borrowing very large sums at a time. It prefers to apply frequently to the money market, rather than to borrow at once what is likely to suffice for a number of years to come. Therefore the natural inference is that the amount to be raised now will not very much exceed £15,000,000. A loan of that amount would not affect the European money markets very much. But our readers will remember that a large French loan is impending. Nobody yet knows what it will amount to, but as much as £30,000,000, and even £40,000,000, is talked of. Over and above that, it will be recollected that the Transvaal loan is sure to come out in the spring or the early summer. And doubtless there will be other loans. For instance, the New South Wales government has taken authority to borrow £4,000,000, though the amount is spread over a number of years. In any event, it will be well for all who are engaged in the London money market to bear in mind that these large appeals to investors are impending and are almost certain to come out within the next six months."

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Bank exchanges increased $900,000 for the day.

Stock market was of a holiday character, sales reaching less than 1,500 shares.

Steel and Coal stocks declined small fractions.

Westinghouse Electric second preferred closed at 98 bid.

Brewing, Consolidated Ice and Fire Proofing were firmer.

IN WALL STREET.

Total sales for the day were 353,000.

Market closed firm with net gains.

New York tractions stimulated the whole list.

Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling gained 13 points without explanation.

Sub-treasury's contributions to money market wiped out by transfers.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The local money market remains firm and unchanged at 6 per cent call and time loans. Clearing house comparisons:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Wednesday	$7,467,274	$1,164,728 06
Last week	6,826,858 65	1,103,931 69

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $260,372,796; balances, $13,899,873.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $22,413,933; balances, $2,093,944.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $3,554,294; balances, $580,121. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 24.—Clearings, $23,036,165; balances, $5,000,026. Money, 6 per cent.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Money, 6 per cent. New York exchange, 40c discount. Clearings, $3,482,200.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $7,526,180; balances, $681,970. Money steady, 5@6 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium.

The Banks and the Treasury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—(Special.)—In redemption of checks drawn by depositors of gold at the Seattle assay office today's official records show that the sub-treasury paid out yesterday $3,552. Total thus paid since Friday, $22,411, against $40,732 for the same period a week ago. Total payment by government to New York banks for the day, $3,466,000. Payment by banks to government, $3,920,000. Balance on the day's transactions, $454,000 paid by banks to government. Total net payment by banks to government since Friday, $92,000, against $265,000 similarly paid for the corresponding period a week ago.

Foreign Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Gold premiums are quote as follows: Buenos Ayres, 127.50; Madrid, 24.75; Lisbon, 28. Bullion amounting to £40,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England today for shipment to South America.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Three per cent rentes, 99f 87½c for the account.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Discount rates—Short bills, 2⅝ per cent; three months' bills, 2¼ per cent.

Money on Call Firm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Money on call firm at 6@10 per cent, closing offered at 9 per cent. Time money firmer; 60 and 90 days and six months, 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent; sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85.75 for demand and at $4 83.125 for 60-day bills; posted rates, $4 84@4 87½; commercial bills, $4 82½@4 83½. Bar silver, 48⅝c. Mexican dollars, 36c. Government bonds strong; railroad bonds irregular.

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THE THREE RIVERS.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 24.—Stage of the river at 6 p. m. marked 20.4 feet and falling. Capt. G. W. C. Johnston, secretary of the Cincinnati & Pittsburgh Packet Company, was a visitor to this city today.

EVANSVILLE—River 38.5 feet and falling.

LOUISVILLE—River is falling, with 10 feet on the falls, 12 feet 2 inches in the canal, and 36 feet at the foot of the locks. The Coal City and tow got away for the south tonight. The Bonanza is still here waiting for more coal. Capt. Gus Jutte and Capt. G. W. Thies have returned to Pittsburgh.

CAIRO—The gauge reads 28.6 feet; the J. R. Finley, from Pittsburgh, with coal tow of 36 boats, 4 barges and 3 flats, passed down for New Orleans this morning.

PADUCAH—Gauge 35.4 feet and rising; clear and colder.

MEMPHIS—The river here stands 28.6 feet.

PARKERSBURG—River 18 feet 6 inches and rising. The packet Telephone, recently purchased by Gardner Jackson for Little Kanawha trade, struck a snag last night near the mouth of Hughes river and sank. She can be raised. The crew narrowly escaped.

MARIETTA—River 18.5 feet and rising.

OIL CITY—River 5 feet 9 inches and falling.

WHEELING—River 19 feet 6 inches and stationary.

WARREN—River 4 feet 5 inches.

GREENSBORO—River 9.5 feet and falling.

POINT PLEASANT—River 18 feet 1 inch and rising.

GALLIPOLIS—River 22 feet and rising.

HUNTINGTON—River 21 feet 4 inches and falling.

STEUBENVILLE—River 18 feet and falling.

SMALL COAL SHIPMENTS.

There Is a Good Stage of Water in the Ohio for Boating Purposes.

The towboat James Moren will take south today a tow of 15 coalboats, 2 barges of coal and 2 barges loaded with nails. The only towboat to depart yesterday was the Nellie Walton, which took 2 coalboats and one barge loaded with nails.

The Ohio is holding up remarkably well and the indications are that the decline in the stage of the river will be slow for a day or two. This is very pleasing information to rivermen, who generally at this time of the year have ice to contend with. The moderate weather of yesterday will prevent the river from making any material change in the present stage, for a day or two.

Arrivals.

Queen City, Sanford, Cincinnati.

Departures.

Queen City, Cincinnati, O.

Packets Leaving Today.

Ben Hur, Parkersburg, W. Va.

News of the Rivers.

At 9 o'clock last night the marks at the Davis Island dam indicated a depth of 12.2 feet, and the river was falling.

A. S. Dobbins, who was in Louisville, has returned to Pittsburgh.

William Dickey will shortly leave for Cincinnati, where he will spend the winter.

The packet Telephone, running in the Little Kanawha river, sank Tuesday night near the mouth of Hughes river.

The steamer Ben Hur, leaving today for Parkersburg, will not carry much freight, as it is always dull on a holiday.

The pool towboats were yesterday dropping out of the pools three coalboats, to a tow. There is an excellent stage of water for doing this work.

Capt. P. R. Budd returned yesterday from Cincinnati and says that Cincinnati coal men are very much elated over present business conditions.

The steamer Queen City, leaving last night for Cincinnati, carried one of the largest passenger trips of the season. Chief Clerk A. B. Brown of the steamer, is accompanied this trip by his wife.

Capt. H. Pilot, who returned yesterday from Cincinnati, says that there is an excellent market there for the sale of coal, fuel bringing 8½@9 cents by the barge. Elevators are paying $4 a ton for coal.

The steamer Queen City delivered the first shipment of cotton yesterday received here this season. It came from Memphis to Cincinnati on the Sunshine, and was then transferred to the Queen City.

At last accounts the towboat Oakland was in the lead in her race down the Mississippi river on her way to New Orleans. The John A. Wood is following closely. The Oakland was expected to pass Memphis last night on her way down.

Poultrymen were on the wharf yesterday when the packets arrived. One commission dealer gave his men instructions to buy everything in sight. The steamer Bonanza will arrive tonight from the Ohio river and will bring considerable poultry.

The opinion written by Major S. R. Crumbaugh in making a decision in the Oakes-Harger case, is regarded by steamboatmen as one of the most remarkable ever handed down by any supervising inspector of steam vessels. Major Crumbaugh in his letter states that Capt. Holmes Harger, Jr., is relieved of all blame in the matter of a collision between the latter's boat, the P. M. Pfeil, and the Valiant, the steamer Capt. Robert S. Oakes was piloting. He concludes by stating that law and order must be maintained in the inspection service. Major Crumbaugh says that Capt. Oakes violated three pilots' rules, while Capt. Harger is suspended for misconduct in using certain language, which caused Capt. Oakes to shoot at him.

THEATERS NEXT WEEK.

A Seasonable Bill of Attractions Is Promised in the Pittsburgh Play Houses New Year's Week.

There is certain to be a lively interest displayed in the advance sale for William Gillette's engagement, which opens at the Alvin theater box office this morning. Mr. Gillette's very popular plays, as indeed everywhere, and the keynote to this popularity is undoubtedly the fact that in his plays he always aims to interest as well as entertain, and in "Sherlock Holmes" he has succeeded beyond the dreams of most playwrights. During Mr. Gillette's engagement the curtain will rise at 8 o'clock, precisely, at the evening performances, and at 2 o'clock at the matinees. After 8:25 evenings, and 2:25 at the matinees, no one will be seated until the end of the first act.

The pantomime is town talk. Everybody and his wife seems to be in evidence at the Grand this week, where the crowds exceed any previous record attendance at this theater. The gorgeous spectacle of "Little Red Riding Hood" has made a tremendous hit. Its fame is not confined to Pittsburgh alone, for theater parties from out of town are in evidence every day. The enthusiasm of the audiences is remarkable, and if the demanded encores were complied with the performance would continue until the next morning. The 300 or more people engaged on the stage have now become familiar with their entrances and exits, and everything moves remarkably smooth. The Kiralfy ballet is a strong factor.

Pronounced, personal but popular necularities have given to the work of the unctious comedian, Billy B. Van, an individuality as strongly marked as that of any actor on the stage. In no character has Mr. Van met with as great success as that of Patsey Bolivar, and inspired by his conception of the part, George Totten Smith has written a three-act musical farcical comedy called "Bolivar's Busy Day," in which Mr. Van and a strong company are appearing with great success everywhere, and in which he will be seen at the Empire theater next week supported by a strong company.

When Ward and Vokes show us their second edition of "The Head Waiters" at the Bijou theater New Year's week, starting Monday matinee, and including matinees on Wednesday, Thursday (New Year's Day) and Saturday, it is promised that an all-new entertainment will be found. New in every sense—music, songs, fun, dances, scenery and all new, even unstintingly provided to maintain the trade mark of these favorite comedians.

The list of attractions announced for New Year's week at the Avenue theater is one of the largest and strongest that has yet been presented in continuous vaudeville in this city. Frank Keenan & Co. are coming with a one-act play that has never been seen here; Kitty Mitchell, the refined and clever monologue entertainer, is announced; the remarkable Hart family are going to appear; Willis Sweatnam will present his original monologue; Florence Bindley, the versatile artist, will do a protean sketch; besides which are Bauder and Lovelle, Fields and Ward, the Nazlottas, Cardieux and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young.

Ten-Ichi and his troupe of Japs, including the pretty Geisha girls, will head the bill at the Duquesne theater next week. Ten-Ichi is a master magician, and his thumb and the trick creates a sensation wherever he appears. He stands in full view of the audience and, holding his hands in front of him, the thumbs are securely tied together. Hoops are then submitted for inspection, and he passes them through his hands with ease. The enchanted fountain is a pretty idea and well carried out, the spray of water coming from his fan, point of a sword glass; in fact, any object, and finally ends with a bit of comedy, when he sprays the water from the heads of his assistants.

One of the leading burlesque shows on the road this season is the Parisian Widows. Manager Weber has selected a cast that needs take no back seat with anyone, such a list of names as: Bert Leslie, Charley Falke, Jordan and Welsh, Clifford and Harvey, Nelson and Millage, the three Rio brothers, and J. Vincent Painter is a guarantee that the show is all right.

NEW YORK PRICES.

Daily range of prices as reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Peoples Savings bank building. Members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges and Chicago board of trade.

Sales. STOCKS.	Open	High	Low	Close
6900 A., T. & S. F.	82⅝	83	82	82⅞
1000 Do preferred.	98⅝	99½	98⅜	99¼
Am. Cotton Oil	44	44	44	44
Do preferred.	97½	98	97½	98
16500 Am. Sugar Refg.	126⅜	128⅝	126½	128⅛
300 Am. Locomotive	27	27½	27	27½
250 Do preferred.	94	94	94	93½
100 Am. Car Found.	34⅝	34⅝	34⅝	34½
200 Do preferred.	89	89½	89	89½
American Can				9½
100 St. L. & S'wn.	26½	26½	26⅛	26½
14400 Amal. Copper.	58	59⅝	57⅝	59⅛
100 Anaconda Copper	88	88	88	86½
400 Am. Smelt. & R.	40	46	39½	39⅝
*100 Do preferred.	104½	105	103	103
American Ice	10⅜	10⅝	10⅛	10⅛
Do preferred.	39	39	39	39
10700 Balt. & Ohio	97¼	97¾	96⅝	97⅜
Do preferred.				93
69800 B. R. Transit	65¾	69¼	65	69
4800 Canadian Pacific	129¾	130½	128⅜	130½
1000 Chicago & G. W.	24⅛	24⅝	24⅛	24⅜
200 Consolidated Gas	211	211	211	210½
C., C. & St. L.				85½
100 Chesapeake & O.	46½	46½	46½	46½
700 Chicago & Alton.	32¾	32¾	31⅜	32¼
100 Do preferred.	76¾	76¾	76⅜	76
100 Chicago & N. W.				217
300 Col. Fuel & Iron.	80	80	79½	79½
Corn Product.	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝	29½
Do preferred.				92
800 Col. Southern.	26¾	27¼	26⅝	27¼
Do 1st pfd.				69½
Do 2d pfd.	43	43	43	42¾
Del., Lack. & W.				245
600 Del. & Hudson.	163	163	163	163½
14400 Erie.	34	34⅝	33⅝	34½
500 Do 1st pfd.	65	65½	65	65
600 Do 2d pfd.	45½	46⅝	45½	46⅛
200 General Electric.	177	177	177	177
Hocking Valley.				97
100 Do preferred.	96½	96½	96½	96
1400 Illinois Central.	144	144⅝	143⅞	144½
200 Iowa Central.	38	38	38	37½
100 Do preferred.	68⅝	68⅝	68⅜	68
Internat'l Paper.				18
Do preferred.				70
Lake Erie & W.				47
Do preferred.				115
3200 Louis. & Nash.	123½	124½	123	124
9100 Manhattan.	145⅝	147⅝	145	147
12200 Missouri Pacific.	103¾	106⅞	104⅝	106⅞
100 Do preferred.	68⅝	68⅝	68⅜	68
Internat'l Paper.				18
Do preferred.				70
Lake Erie & W.				47
Do preferred.				115
3200 Louis. & Nash.	123½	124½	123	124
9100 Manhattan.	145⅝	147⅝	145	147
12200 Missouri Pacific.	103¾	106⅞	104⅝	106⅞
400 M., K. & T. pfd.	55¾	55¾	55¼	55¼
*700 Metropolitan.	137	139½	137	139
200 Mexican Central.	22	22	22	22
1100 National Lead.	26⅝	26½	26	26⅛
Do preferred.				91
National Biscuit.				45
Do preferred.				102½
8800 N. Y. Central.	151¼	151⅞	150⅝	151⅝
4200 N. Y., O. & W.	29⅝	30¼	29½	30¼
2300 Norfolk & West.	70⅜	71	70½	70⅝
Do preferred.				91
200 North Am. Co.	116	116	114½	114½
Omaha.				150
600 Peoples Gas.	101⅝	101⅝	101⅝	101⅝
100 Pac. Mail.	39	39	39	39¼
Pullman.				226
1600 Pressed S. Car.	59⅝	60⅛	59⅝	60½
Do preferred.				92
13200 Penna. R. R.	153⅜	154⅝	153½	154⅝
P., C. C. & St. L.				92
Do preferred.				101
Railway Springs.	34	34	34	33
Do preferred.	85⅝	86	85⅜	86
35700 Reading.	64⅞	66⅛	64⅝	65⅞
2100 Do 1st pfd.	86½	86½	86¼	86
Do 2nd pfd.				78
19700 Rock Island.	42½	43⅝	41⅝	43⅝
2200 Do preferred.	82	83⅝	82	83⅝
400 Republic Iron.	19¼	19¼	19	19
200 Do preferred.	76½	76½	76	76
500 St. L. & S. F.	71	71½	71	71
Do 1st pfd.				80
Do 2nd pfd.				69½
7700 South. Pacific.	62⅞	63⅝	62⅝	63⅝
5400 South. Railway.	31⅜	32½	31⅜	32½
200 Do preferred.	91	91	91	91
17400 St. Paul.	175	176⅝	174½	176⅜
				192
100 St. L. & S'wn.	26½	26½	26⅛	26½
700 Do preferred.	60	60	60	60
300 Tenn. Coal & I.	56	57	56	56⅝
7200 Tex. & Pacific.	39⅜	39½	38½	39½
200 Tol., St. L. & W.	27¼	27¾	27¼	26
100 Do preferred.	45	45	45	44¼
13300 U. S. Steel.	34½	35	34	34⅞
2300 Do preferred.	84	84½	83⅝	84⅜
10900 Union Pacific.	98¾	99⅛	97⅞	99
700 Do preferred.	92⅝	93	92⅜	93
U. S. Rubber.				15½
700 U. S. Leather.	11⅞	12	11⅜	11⅞
100 Do preferred.	88	88	88	88
U. S. R. & C.	22⅝	23⅛	22⅝	23⅛
Do preferred.	69¾	69½	68¾	68⅝
800 Wabash.	27⅜	28¾	27⅝	28⅝
1600 Do preferred.	41⅝	42	41⅝	42
100 W. U. Tel.	87⅝	87⅝	87¼	87½
W. & L. E.				24
Do 1st pfd.	53	53	53	52
100 Do 2nd pfd.	33¼	33½	33⅛	33
2900 Wisconsin Cent.	25¼	25¾	25¼	25¼
1900 Do preferred.	50½	52⅞	50⅜	52⅜

353000 total sales for day. *Ex-dividend.

New York "Curb" Stocks.

(Reported by Henry Sproul & Co.)

American Can...	9⅛	Internatiola Salt..	9¼
Do preferred...	45⅞	N. Am. Gas 5s..	108⅛
Am. Elev. R. R..	8	North. Securities.	110¼
Bay State Gas...	1⅝	N. Y. E. Veh Tr.	9¼
Brit. Col. Cop....	3⅜	Otis Elevator....	40
Brooklyn Ferry...	8	Do preferred...	94
Electric Bont....	25	Rey. Bk. Fd. pfd.	101
Do preferred....	37	Seaboard Airline..	25
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PRODUCTION RECORDS ARE BEING EXCELLED

Lake Superior Ore Fields Produced 28,000,000 Tons This Year, 7,000,000 More Than Last--Pig Iron Will Aggregate 17,000,000.

A year the most notable by far in history, is closing in the iron and steel trade. Not only has production far outstripped that of any previous year, but there have developed a number of changes in practices of far-reaching effect. The controlling factor in the iron and steel trade has practically withdrawn its raw material, coke and ore, from the market and the next year will have to develop the effects.

Conservative interests outside of the Steel Corporation see no disturbing element. They look forward to the new year as full of promise for a greater development than this. It may be with some sacrifices, but the general strength of the iron and steel situation will be little disturbed.

The key to what has been done is reflected in a production of iron ore in the Lake Superior regions greater by nearly 7,000,000 tons than the year before. The production of this region in the year closing will foot up to over 28,000,000 tons, or more than 1,000,000 below the entire ore production of the country in 1901. The production of 1901 was 28,887,479 tons, which was an increase over the year before of over 1,250,000 tons. Of this production the Lake Superior region put out about 21,000,000 tons.

Different the Year Before.

In 1901 the increased ore production over the year before did not occur in the Lake Superior regions more than in the others. These northwest fields produced about half of the increase.

The new record of production in the Superior regions is notable from more than one standpoint. It reveals something of what the year has been to the iron and steel manufacture. It tells the story of an amazing development of the northwest fields in a comparatively short period. Its production of last year, 28,000,000 tons, is beyond the entire production of the same region from the time development began there through 1885, during which period about 25,000,000 tons were produced.

The pig iron production of this year, largely estimated, will foot up to 17,500,000 tons, as against 15,600,000 the year before. The year before, production, which swelled over 3,000,000 tons in 1901, compared to the year before, will this year probably make a similar record.

There is expected to be an advance in the ore price next year, but this will not be arrived at till before the navigation season of next year opens. This year's price is based at $4.50 a ton for Old Range ore at the lower lake docks.

Higher Prices Brought Out.

The past week developed some stronger prices in sale of pig iron and billets. These are only slight fluctuations, however, and it is expected that the prices on raw materials will not be held at such prices as to discourage independent concerns. It will require some time, however, to exhaust the business now booked. A good many stacks are still down through coke shortage and record production thus curtailed.

About 22,000 tons of Bessemer pig iron was sold in the week at $24 75 to $25 25 a ton at the valley furnaces. This is for delivery through the first half of the year.

Some small lots of billets were sold, amounting to about 5,000 tons, at $29 to $30 a ton at the mills for the Bessemer and $32 to $33 for the basic open hearth.

The forge iron market is quite well supplied and there are few inquiries. The asking price is $21 50 a ton, Pittsburgh.

The fancy prices for foundry iron are being toned down materially. No. 2 is being sold for prompt delivery at about $24 a ton, and for forward business of some size a much better price could be secured.

Most of the producers of common iron bar are holding their price at $1 80 the 100 pounds, with reports that some producers are shading to $1 70.

Little Market for Rods.

There is little market just now for steel rods and the nominal price is $35 a ton for Bessemer rods.

Some mills are offering muck bar at $35 50 a ton, but buyers are holding off for better prices.

The skelp market is fairly active. On iron skelp the asking prices range from $1 92½ the 100 pounds for the narrow grooved to as high as $2 10 for the wide sheared. Narrow steel skelp can be bought at prices something under those for the iron, while on the wider sheared the prices run up to $2 15 the 100 pounds.

There is little development in the steel rail market. The mills have booked for next year delivery over 1,000,000 tons and about 400,000 tons will be carried over from this year's bookings. Prices remain as follows: On standard sections, $28 for 260-ton and larger lots; $30 for carlots; $32 for less than carlots; $37 in car and larger lots for 30, 35, 40 and 45-pound; $38 for 20 and 25-pound; $40 for 16-pound, and as high as $47 for 12-pound and $55 for 8-pound.

Steel bar mills are selling for forward delivery at the base price of $1 90 the 100 pounds for the Bessemer bars and $2 a ton more for open hearth. Pittsburgh mills sold about 6,000 tons in the week past. The mills have business booked ahead for about six weeks.

Pools Hold Low Prices.

The structural pool at its meeting last week reaffirmed the base prices. Pittsburgh mills in the week past sold about 10,000 tons for forward delivery at base prices. The mills have business booked for six months ahead and inside of that time fancy premiums are still to be offered. Prices remain: Beams and channels, 3 to 14-inch, $1 80 per 100 pounds; beams, 18 to 20-inch, $1 70 for 100 pounds; angles, 3 to 6-inch, $1 65 for 100 pounds.

Pittsburgh mills sold about 12,000 tons of steel plates in the week past. Business booked ahead would crowd capacities from five to six months and for earlier deliveries round premiums are being offered. The plate pool at its meeting last week reaffirmed the old base prices and these will not be disturbed at least for another quarter. Under these prices tank plate is $1 60 the 100 pounds; flange and boiler plates, $1 70, and ordinary fire box, $1 80, with the usual extras.

The steel sheet market is in a seasonable inactivity, with the price holding at $1 90 the 100 pounds for lots of 200 tons and more and $2 for lesser lots.

Prices on the finer lines of merchant and crucible steel remain as follows: Tire steel, $2 15 to $2 25 for 100 pounds; spring steel, $2 25 to $2 75; toe calk, $2 50 to $2 60. On sale of 1,000 tons of one size, and 500 tons less than 1,000 tons, these prices are subject to an additional 10 cents on the price for 100 pounds, and on less than 500 tons, 20 cents. Cold-rolled shafting quotations continue at 47 per cent off list in car and larger lots, and 42 per cent on less than carlots.

Demand for Scrap.

The demand for scrap is heavy, but transactions are being held back through high prices, ranging as follows: Heavy melting stock, $21 to $22 a ton; No. 1 cast iron scrap, $20; No. 1 wrought iron scrap, $21 50 to $22; borings, $12 60; old steel rails, $22; steel rails for rerolling, $24 to $25 50; old iron rails, $25 to $26.

The demand for tin plate is improving, while the leading producer is taking business only to his liking at the base price of $3 60 the 100-pound box at mills to jobbers. This price will probably rule through the first quarter of the new year.

Conditions are strengthening somewhat in the sheet market. Prices remain for the present at $2 75 the 100 pounds on the No. 28, guage black sheets and $3 85 on the galvanized of the same guage, these prices to the established buyers at mills in lots of 500 bundles and more.

The wire and nail trade is fairly active, prices obtaining as follows: Wire nails to jobbers, $1 90 a keg; wire, $1 80 the 100 pounds for plain wire and $2 20 for galvanized.

Belief is growing that the present low prices will not last long on pipe and tubes, and buying is active.

Discounts to Jobbers.

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MERCHANT PIPE.

Steel.	Black, Pc.	Galv. Pc.
¼, ⅜ and ½-inch	68	58
¾-inch	70	60
¾ to 6-inch	75	65
7 to 12-inch	73	63
Wrought Iron.	Black. Pc.	Galv. Pc.
¼, ⅜ and ½-inch	65	55
¾-inch	67	57
¾ to 6-inch	72	62
7 to 12-inch	70	60

For short lengths, extra strong plain ends, threads, and threads and coupling, the prices are higher.

BOILER TUBES.

	Steel. Pc.	Iron. Pc.
1 to 1½ inches	45	36½
2¼ to 3 inches	62½	45½
1¾ to 2¼ and 3 to 12 inches	52½	35½

CASING.

	Pc.
2 to 3 inches	68
3½ to 4 inches	69
4½ to 12½ inches	63

The demand for goods in the hardware line that are in use at the holiday times has been unprecedented—sales on pocket cutlery, silverware and fancy goods in general being far beyond expectations, and beyond the sales of other years. Attention, however, is still being given, and will continue to be given, to the more important branches of the hardware business by the trade generally, and while all have been giving close attention during these weeks of the holiday to holiday goods and to holiday business, they have in their minds and on their desks arrangements looking toward great preparations for the coming year.

Replenishing Stocks.

A lively interest is being manifested by the trade in making purchases for stocks for next year's business—this interest extending very widely and covering nails and wire. These items are having exceedingly large sales, owing to the prospects of higher prices. Orders for season goods, such as poultry wire, wire cloth, screen doors and windows, together with refrigerators and other goods, are having a very large share of attention in every way, and are being placed for these lines. The settlement of prices on window glass is having a tendency to bring in some good orders for this line, glass being offered in small lots at exceedingly close margins, and prospects look favorable for a very satisfactory business for the new year. The trade generally report prospects as being excellent in every way, and are making great preparations to meet the demand they feel sure is coming.

The feeling is general that higher prices will prevail in some lines, and for this reason the trade are getting their orders in. The Hindley Hardware Company furnishes the following quotations: Wire nails, $1 80 in car lots, $2 00 base in less than car lots; fence staples, $2 20 base in less than car lots; plain galvanized wire, $2 15 in car lots, $2 25 base in less than car lots; galvanized barbed wire, $2 85 in car lots, $3 00 base in less than car lots (Other sizes usual advance); Columbia pocket knives, discount, 35 per cent; Albion hatchets, discount, 50 per cent; Stevens shotguns and rifles, discount, 40 per cent; Hindley canal shovels, $6 50 per dozen; Great Western files, discount, 70 and 10 per cent; window glass, discount, 90 and 10 per cent; less than car load, single thick, base, No. 26, $3 10 per 100 pounds; galvanized sheet iron, discount, 70 per cent.

U. S. STEEL CORPORATION KEEPS DOWN ORE PRICES

Outside Interests Are Urging Higher Range of Values—Large Stock Now on Hand.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Iron Age will tomorrow say:

There has been some discussion lately on the prices for lake ores for the season of 1903-1904, it being understood that the outside interests are urging higher figures. The Steel Corporation, however, appears to be wedded to the policy of keeping prices down to the present level, and it is pointed out that constant restriction of production in recent months through the fuel troubles have led to larger accumulations of ore than were planned for.

In pig iron ore one of the most conspicuous features is that foreign iron has been offering at considerably lower prices. Middlesborough No. 3 being available at $10 75, duty paid, in cargo lots, as stated in documents. Some cargoes are afloat which were shipped at a venture by interests not directly connected with the trade. Still it is somewhat surprising that the large purchases for this country have not steadied the English market more. The reports from Germany indicate a pretty serious condition of affairs in the iron industry, while complaints from Belgium are persistently heard.

In Chicago a considerable demand for malleable iron for quick delivery has developed, and cast iron pipe interests are endeavoring to cover a considerable tonnage for the first quarter. In Pittsburgh about 20,000 tons of Bessemer pig has been sold at full figures.

A moderate amount of tonnage is being placed in foreign steamships, the prices for five blocks being $27 50 to $27 75, ex-ship, duty paid.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The market for coffee futures opened dull and unchanged; continued inactive; most of the business represented switches. There was no future in the foreign news; a brace of holidays were at hand, and trading was indifferent. The close was quiet at a partial decline of 5 points. Sales footed up 31,000 bags, including December at 4.45c; January, 4.40c; February, 4.45c; March, 4.65@4.70c; May, 4.85@4.90c; June, 4.95c; July, 4.95c, and September, 5.15c.

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The strength of the local tractions had a sentimental effect on the whole list, the rise in Brooklyn transit extending to over four points. No definite explanation of the rise was forthcoming, but old rumors had renewed circulation of a passing of control to the Pennsylvania. Sugar was well sustained at a recovery from yesterday's sharp decline. The most active period of the trading, however, was during the decline of the morning.

The point of ease of the call loan rate at between 3 and 10 per cent was depressing in influence. The blockade restriction enforced by the blockading powers at La Guayra on the steamer Caracas occasioned some uneasiness, though not of little direct influence. The announcement of wage increases by the New York Central and the Atlantic coast line called renewed attention to a tendency which is general throughout the railroad world. The passing of the dividend on St. Joseph and Grand Island first preferred explained yesterday's late break of 8¼ points in that stock, to which was added a 2¼ point decline today. Canada Southern was also a surprise from the reduction of its dividend rate.

The rise of 13 points in Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling was unexplained. The stiffness of the call money rate and a hardening of the time loan rate were not effective in checking the rising tendency in sterling exchange or the falling tendency in New York exchange at interior points.

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Rush of Poultry Buyers Cleans Up Market—Quoted Prices Held Firm.

There was no session of the Chicago board of trade yesterday, an adjournment having been taken until Friday, and, while the local grain and flour exchange had its regular call in the morning, there was a holiday spirit pervading the atmosphere, which interfered to some extent with close attention to business, and sales were few. There will be no call this morning. General conditions remain unchanged from those which have prevailed for several days, and all quotations of yesterday remain in force. Demand is quiet, but strong enough to keep prices from weakening.

Wholesale grocery houses are closed today. Business yesterday was good for the day before Christmas, buyers ordering up to the last moment. There has been a splendid trade in holiday supplies, the demand having been large and steady for over a month. There was no actual change in the list of quotations yesterday in any department, staples remaining as they have been all week.

The Market Continues Firm.

Markets all through the eastern part of the country have suffered so much from lack of proper transportation facilities for flour that supplies have never reached a condition of plenty since the shortage caused by railroad blockades a few weeks ago. As a result quotations are very firm everywhere, and continue strong, notwithstanding the fact that wheat has shown some weakness.

While canned tomatoes are expected to go higher after the turn of the year, at the moment the market is a little weak, and some jobbers are making slight concessions to keep stock moving. The full strength or weakness of the situation will not be positively shown until the spring, when demand is always at its height.

Dried fruits are steady, with quotations maintained at figures which have ruled all week. Demand for prunes, apricots and peaches is growing, while raisins are in a little quieter now after the heavy buying of these lines in the earlier part of the month.

Salt fish is firm, and the fact that catches of fresh have been light for several weeks will help salt fish to maintain its position, as there will be a scarcity of frozen stock during the winter.

Christmas greens cleaned up to the satisfaction of dealers and there was nothing left for jobbers to offer yesterday except a few odds and ends which remained over, and not much of that. Eggs and produce there was a trifling increase in prices for some seasonable lines, such as celery and lettuce, but the higher prices were only for the day, and will not be in force tomorrow, the range of real values being unchanged.

Butter and cheese are steady at unchanged quotations, and eggs are just as they were, the latter declining slightly better than at the close of last week.

Turkey prices were firm yesterday, good stock selling for 20 cents a day, with no choice marks. Buyers were out in force, and supplies were cleaned up early in the day, some late arrivals helping out. A large number of buyers had placed orders days ahead, and were thus saved disappointment, for there were no more than enough to go around.

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HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

Receipts bulletined: Pennsylvania lines, 31 cars hay, 2 cars straw, 2 cars oats; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, 5 cars hay; Pittsburgh & Western railroad, 13 cars hay, 1 car corn, 1 car hay and straw, 2 cars oats; Wabash railroad, 6 cars hay.

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No. 1 clov. $12.50@13.00
do mixed $14.50@15.00
Loose, from wagon ...$16.00@17.00
Straw, oat ...$9.00@9.50
do wheat ...$8.00@8.50
do rye ...$10.00@10.50
Corn, new No. 2 yellow shell ...53@53c
do high mixed ...52@52½c
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No. 2 new, yellow ear ....55@56c

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GROCERIES.

Flour, fancy spg. pat. $4.15@4.25
do fancy winter patents ...$3.80@4.00
do straight winter ...$3.60@3.80
do bakers' spring ...$3.45@3.60
do rye ...$3.45@3.60
do buckwheat, bbl ...$4.00@4.50
Cornmeal, bbl ...$3.35@3.30
do 10-lb cot. ...30
Iron bags ...10@20c
Rolled oats, bbl ...$4.00
do pkgs ...$2.30@3.10

(Sugar quotations are Allegheny wagon delivery. Add 10 pounds for rail shipments to points within a radius of 50 miles of Pittsburgh.)

Coffee, roasted—
Rio ...17@17½c
do Santos ...22½@23½c
do Maracaibo ...17@17½c
Peaberry ...17@18c
do Caracas ...19@19½c
do Gol. Rio ...18½@19c
do Java ...26@28c
do Mocha ...25½c
do std. pkg ...9.50c
do high grade, pkgs ...14.30@16.50c

Molasses, fancy new ...32@37c
do choice ...32@33c
do prime ...26@30c
do open kettle ...40@43c
Syrup, fancy ...12½c
do sugar ...30@32c
do sugar and cane ...28@31c
do 2½-lb cans, doz ...$1.05
do 3-lb cans, doz ...$1.20
do 5-lb cans, doz ...$3.50
do 10-lb cans, doz ...$4.50
Maple syrup, gal ...60@90c
Beans, prime, mar, bu ...$2.75@2.95

CANNED GOODS.

Tomatoes, std pie ...85@85c
do pie ...$2.50@3.00
do California ...
L. C. ...$1.80@2.35
do Maryland ...$1.15@1.65
do Cal. Y. P. ...$1.80@2.00
Corn, fancy ...$1.15@1.30
do std ...95c@$1.10
Cherries, Cal ...$2.20@2.25
Lima beans ...$1.20@1.40
do soaked ...75@80c
String beans ...85c@$1.25
Peas, marrow ...$1.45@1.50
do early June ...95c@$1.00
do soaked ...85@85c
Apples, N. Y. gal, cans ...$2.50
Pineapples ...$1.20@2.20
Plums, damson ...$1.00
do California ...$1.40
Raspberries ...85@90c

Succotash, 1-lb. cans ...65c@$1.40
Baked beans, tomato ...85c@$1.40
Salmon, doz. ...$1.00@2.05
Clipped beef, 2-lb cans ...$2.45@2.50
Corned beef, 2-lb cans ...$2.45@2.50
do 1-lb ...$1.45@1.50
Mackerel, broiled ...$2.00@2.75
Sardines, domes. ⅛, ¼ ...$3.60@3.85
do mustard, ¼ ...$2.90
do French ...$9.00@16.00
Oysters, 1-lb full weight ...85c@$1.25
do 1-lb short ...$1.10
flat cans ...$1.10

DRIED FRUITS.

Apricots, evap., bags ...8½@12c
do 25-lb boxes ...8@12c
Apples, bulk ...8c
do 1-lb cartons ...9½@10c
Peaches ...7@10c
Raspberries ...26@27½c
Raisins, seeded, 1-lb pkgs ...9@9½c
do Muscatel, 2 crown ...$1.80
do 3-crown ...$2.25
50-lb boxes ...7@8c
Ondara ...8c
Valencia ...9½@10c
do 1-lb. Val. ...8c
Currants, cleaned, 25 and 50-lb pkgs ...9½@10c
Prunes, Cal ...3½@8½c

SALT FISH.

Mackerel, No. 1 mess, bbl ...$25.00
do half bbls ...$13.00
do quar. bbls ...$8.40
Mackerel, No. 2, bbls ...$27.00
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do quar. bbls ...$3.00
do 10-lb pails ...$1.50
Lake Herring, 100 lbs ...$4.10
do 80-lb quar ...$1.55
do 10 lbs ...55c
Bloaters, 50-box ...85c

SEEDS.

Clover, from store, recleaned, 60-lb bu small ...$6.50@6.95
do mammoth ...$6.95@7.05
do crim'n ...$4.75@5.00
do white ...
Timothy ...$2.00@2.25
Flaxseed ...$2.00@2.25
Millet ...$1.65@1.70
Grass, Hungarian ...90c@$1.10
do fancy ...$1.10@1.20
do blue, 14-lb bu ...$1.50@1.75
do red top, 14-lb bu ...$1.10@2.00
Timothy ...$2.00@2.05

do cubes ...5.20c
do cut loaf ...5.25c
do confec. A ...4.95c
do coff. A ...4.75@4.85c
No. 1 yellow ...4.85c
No. 2 yellow ...4.35c
No. 3 yellow ...4.50c

for Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

Pears, dried, bu ...$1.75@1.80
do evptd, lb ...4c
bu ...$1.50@1.85
do split, lb ...4c
Oil, Carbon, 110 deg ...11½c
do headlight ...15c
do water white ...12½c
do Elaine ...16½c
do Ohio W. W. test ...12½c
do mineral ...20@22c
do special brands ...20@43c
Rice, ext. fancy, head, lb ...7½@7½c
do fancy Japan ...5½c
do choice Carolina ...6@6½c
Salt, No. 1, bbl ...95c
do No. 1 extra ...$1.05
do dairy ...$1.25
do coarse rock, sack ...95c
do pocket ...$1.85@1.85

CROCKERY.

do kegs ...$2.35
Oatmeal, bbl ...$5.10
do keg ...$2.80
Sugar, stan. gran ...5.00c
do fine ...5.00c
do 2-lb cartons ...5.20c
do 5-lb cot bags ...5.15c
do powdered ...5.15c
do pow'd xxxx ...5.15c

Yellow stone ware, 2 gal. ...$2.00
do 3 gal. ...$3.00@3.60
do 4 gal. ...$4.00@4.80
do 5 gal. ...$5.00@6.00
Stone jugs, ½ gal. ...$4.80
do 1 gal. ...$5.40
do 2 gal. ...$10.80
do 3 gal. ...$16.20
do 4 gal. ...$21.60
do 5 gal. ...$27.00
Glass jars, pt. ...$3.00
do ½ gal. ...$3.60
do gal. ...$4.80
Fruit cans, pt. ...$3.00@3.50
do ½ gal. ...$3.60@4.00
do gal. ...$4.80@5.00
Lamp chimneys, No. 1 ...$1.50
do No. 2 ...$1.75
do No. 3 ...$2.00
Lamp wicks, No. 1 ...10c
do No. 2 ...15c

FRUITS.

Lemons, Californ. box ...$3.00@4.00
do Messinas ...$3.00@4.00
Limes, per 100 ...$1.00
Oranges, Rodi ...$3.50@4.50
do Jamaica ...$3.00@3.50
Bananas, per lb ...4c
do California, navel ...$3.80@4.00
do California seedlings ...$2.50@3.00

Cranberries, Cape Cod, fcy. ...$2.75@3.00
do, choice ...$2.50@2.75
do, bbls. ...$8.50@ 9.00
do, Jersey ...$2.75@3.00
Cal. Strawberries, pint ...50@60c

TROPICAL FRUITS.

Cocoanuts ...$5.00
Bananas ...$1.50@1.75
Figs, in glass ...15c
do cluster ...20c
Dates, fard ...6@6½c
Grapes, Malaga, keg ...$4.50@5.50
Grape fruit ...$5.00@7.00

NUTS.

Almonds, lb ...14@16c
Filberts, lb ...12c
Walnuts, English, lb ...12@14c
Pecans, lb ...11@12c
Brazil nuts, lb ...10@11c
Mixed nuts, lb ...11@12c

Chestnuts, small, bu ...40@50c
do large ...90@100c
Shellbarks, bu ...$2.50@3.00
Peanuts, fancy ...5@6c
do, choice ...$4.15

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE

Butter, prints ...32@33c
do tubs ...31@31½c
do Ohio-Fa. creamery ...28@29½c
do dairy ...23@24c
do country print ...22@23c
Cheese, N. Y. full cream ...14@14½c
do Ohio ...13½@14c
do ½ cream ...13c
do Ohio Swiss, tube ...13½@14c
do Wis. Swiss, tubs ...15½@16c
do 20-lb block ...14@15c
do Limburger ...13c
do 5-lb brick ...14c
do limburger ...15c
Eggs, select ...28@30c
do candled ...27@28c
do at mark ...26@26c
do storage, Apr. ...24c
do stor. June ...21c

POULTRY.

Live hens, lb ...13@14c
Springers ...13@14c
Roosters ...10c
Turkeys, lb ...18@20c
Geese ...12@13c

Closed today—Annual "half-off" sale starts tomorrow

KAUFMANN'S

"THE BIG STORE"

AFTER CHRISTMAS 1/2 OFF SALE

This means that all goods itemized in this ad will be sold at half the prices in force yesterday.

Look at the price tags, deduct one-half and pay the salesperson just ½ the regular selling prices.

ONLY those who have seen the multitudes of humanity which have packed this big establishment during the past two weeks, can have any idea of the thousands of slightly damaged articles, miscellaneous odds and ends or broken sizes which this unprecedented Christmas rush left behind. All these goods with the strictly exclusive Holiday goods offered tomorrow at exactly half regular selling prices

½ off on all toys and dolls

AN unrestricted mark down, no one article favored; you can select with a free hand, for *every article on the toy and doll floor will be sold for exactly half the plainly marked price.* Just think of those fine mechanical toys, imported creations, beautiful dolls, the prices of which have been cut right in two despite former selling price or cost.

1/2 OFF Fancy boxes

EVERYTHING left over from before Christmas in celluloid toilet cases, manicure sets, etc., fine hand-painted boxes—nothing the matter with them—they are holiday novelties and they have to go. We have put them on the half price table to make choosing easy.

A lot of toilet cases at ½ off.
A lot of manicure sets at ½ off.
A lot of work boxes at ½ off.
A lot of collar and cuff boxes at ½ off.
A lot of handkerchief boxes at ½ off.
A lot of glove boxes at ½ off.
A lot of shaving sets at ½ off.
A lot of photograph boxes at ½ off.

Burnt wood—everything we have left, such as toilet cases, paper holders, plaques, comb and brush sets, etc., **at half price.**

Pocketbooks—imported especially for the holidays; this does not include the entire stock, but only those which are put on special counters and marked ½ **off regular price.**

Umbrellas—all of our women's and men's $7.00, $8.00, $9.00, $10.00, $12.00 and $15.00 umbrellas, all reduced to ½ **regular prices.**

1/2 OFF Clocks

CLOCKS—only a few of them, but nevertheless big bargains, fine domestics and French makes in marble, iron and gilt on a special counter tomorrow at ½ **price.**

Curios—a large lot of them, such as miniatures, porcelain novelties and filagree silver **at just ½ price.**

Colonial gold boxes—jewel boxes, ink stands and various pieces **at ½ price.**

Side bags—steel beaded bags and wrist bags; also gun metal bags, but this does not include the fish scale bags **at just half the marked price.**

Bronzes—French and German, figure and bust designs, subjects of the most famous artists, on a special counter **at ½ price.**

Sterling silver novelties—a big table piled full of manicure pieces, shoe horns, shoe buttoners, puff boxes, tooth pick holders, etc., etc., **at ½ price.**

1/2 OFF Vases

HOW the china basement will be crowded tomorrow with lovers of art pottery, buying the most celebrated wares for half off the marked prices!

We've placed the goods on special tables and they include royal Vienna vases, Austrian Vienna ornaments, Teplitz wares, royal Bonn vases, bronzes, marbie pedestals, Victoria vases, royal Berlin cabinet vases, metal mounted vases in rich colors, royal Saxe vases, rich Japanese vases, fine china miniatures with Florentine frames, rich specimens of Hadley's Worcester, beautiful Moriage ornaments, miniature bisques for cabinets, hand painted plaques, etc., etc. Take your choice tomorrow from all for **just half the marked prices.**

1/2 OFF China

WE have put all the goods to be sold at half price on special counters—making choosing as easy as possible. All you have to do is to look at the old price mark and pay the saleslady just half.

Fancy sets—fish sets, game sets, ice cream sets, fruit sets, pudding sets, in French and German china, all most artistically decorated—a few slightly scratched, but the most without a blemish. Christmas is over, so they go at **half the marked prices.**

Fancy pieces—cracker jars, chocolate pots, cheese dishes, hot cake dishes, fancy salad and fruit dishes, nut bowls, syrup jugs, mayonnaise sets, sugars, creamers, tea pots, chop dishes, etc., etc.—French, German and Japanese china—all beautifully shaped and decorated—nothing the matter with them, except-ing that it is after Christmas, so they go at **half marked prices.**

Fancy plates, tete-a-tete sets, chocolate sets and boudoir sets—magnificent specimens of the ceramic art, coming from the foremost potteries of Austria, France, Germany and England, the decorations particularly being most artistic—all go tomorrow at **just half marked prices.**

Fancy tobacco jars, cigar jars, smokers' sets, pipe racks, ash trays, etc., etc.—all go tomorrow at **just half marked prices.**

Fancy decorated jardinieres and pedestals, fern dishes and plaques—for the dining room, reception hall, parlor or library—all to go at **just half marked prices.**

1/2 OFF Lamps

SEVERAL hundred to choose from, including beautifully decorated reception, banquet and reading lamps, hand painted china and glass lamps, gold plated metal lamps, wrought iron and metal lamps for Oriental cozy corners—choice tomorrow at just half **marked prices.**

Onyx tables—a lot of Mexican onyx top tables **at half marked prices.**

1/2 OFF Millinery

ALL of our millinery goods, birds, ornamental trimmings and ready-to-wear hats at ½ **regular prices.**

Imported French model hats—also New York pattern hats and a fine assortment of trimmed hats from our own workrooms, offered tomorrow **at ½ off the marked prices.**

Velvet hats in black and colors, trimmed with silk ribbon, fancy feathers and ornaments, ½ off sale price, or **1.88 and 1.49.**

Plumes—16-in. black Amazon plumes, special, ½ off marked sale price, or **45c.**

1/2 OFF Furniture

WE have several hundred pieces of furniture, which, being broken lines (having only one or a few pieces of each kind), we want to move off the furniture floor as quickly as possible. Offering them for just one-half off the marked prices will do it. Here are some of the goods:

Music cabinets	Library tables
Parlor cabinets	Hall seats
Gift furniture	Tabourettes
Writing desks	Library cases
Parlor suites	Reed furniture
Parlor rockers	Cheval mirrors
Brass beds	Sample dressers
Iron beds	Sample bed room suites
Toilet tables	Sample folding beds
Leather furniture	Office chairs
Parlor tables	

Just make your selection and pay half the price marked on the ticket.

7 fine organs—worth up to $100.00, sale price **25.00.**

1/2 OFF Books

HERE the holiday rush has been so immense that the entire stock is in a state of disorder. We'll quickly close out all the broken lots and slightly scuffed and finger-marked books by offering them tomorrow at half price.

Dainty handy volume series—various styles of binding; ornamented cloth, white and gold, etc., lots of first-class titles—**at half the marked prices.**

Standard sets—many of the best authors—slightly finger marked or with broken boxes—various priced editions, all go **at half what they're marked.**

Gift books—in leather and fancy bindings, including many of the favorite poets, go **at half the marked prices.**

Illustrated children's books—linen and paper toy books, etc., **at half marked prices.**

Copyrighted books for boys and girls—favorite authors—some slightly soiled—all **at half marked prices.**

Cloth bound books of the most famous standard authors go in this half price sale **at 15c.**

Cloth bound books—including many copyrighted works—in this half price sale **at 30c.**

Bibles and prayer books—calendars, Christmas cards, etc., **at half the marked prices.**

Lot of holiday stationery boxes, leather writing tablets, etc., go **at half the marked prices.**

1/2 OFF Dress goods

A GREAT quantity of dress, skirt and waist lengths, together with several thousand dollars' worth of fashionable fabrics which will be cut in any length desired, are included in this half price offer.

Printed challies—about 1,800 yds., pure wool, light and dark grounds, marked 50c yd., tomorrow **at 25c.**

Fancy waistings—mercerized stripes in various combinations—marked 39c yd., tomorrow **at 19c.**

Wool melton skirting—10 in. wide—plain, striped and checked—marked 29c yd., tomorrow at 15c.

Wool armure suiting—38 in. wide—neat jacquard effects—marked 39c yd., tomorrow at **19c.**

Wool repellant suiting—gray, brown, blue and oxford—marked 59c yd., tomorrow **at 29c.**

75c dress goods, including poplin, cheviot, whipcord, cashmere, serge, Panama suiting, etc., tomorrow **at 39c.**

54-in. all-wool melton and plaid back skirting—blue, gray and black—marked $1.25 yd., tomorrow **at 59c.**

Satin finished covert, crepe poplin, clay whipcord and satin prunella—marked $1.50 yd., tomorrow **at 69c.**

Mistral etamins—pure wool—all shades—marked 75c, tomorrow **at, yd., 39c.**

Black homespun suiting—51 in. wide, all-wool, marked 75c yd., tomorrow **at 35c.**

Mohair brilliantine—46 in. jacquard figures, high luster, marked 59c yd., tomorrow **at 29c.**

Storm serge—54 in. pure, worsted, extra heavy weight, marked $1.25 yd., tomorrow **at 59c.**

Cheviot suiting—pure worsted, 44 in. wide, marked 79c yd., tomorrow **at 39c.**

1/2 OFF Silks

OVER 3,000 lengths, ranging from ¾ to 15 yds., of peau de soie, taffeta, Louisine, pailliet de soie, duchess and liberty satins, etc.—corded, hemstitched and figured effects, black and all colors, **at half marked prices.**

Swivel silks—black grounds with colored silk stripes and figures, marked 85c, tomorrow at **42½c.**

Silk velvets—in about 15 different shades, marked 75c yd. (in lengths of 3 yds. or over), tomorrow at **37½c.**

Plaid silks—in Habutai, taffeta and satin weaves, marked 50c yd., tomorrow **at 25c.**

Black silk velvet—extra heavy and medium weight, close pile, lengths of 3 to 12 yds., marked $1.00 yd., tomorrow **at 50c.**

Finest silks—odds and ends of lines worth up to $5.00 yd., go at half and less than half **price.**

1/2 OFF Linens

ODDS and ends and broken lines of linens, domestics, flannels, blankets, having become slightly soiled during the holiday rush, go tomorrow at 50c on the dollar.

Table damask—odd lengths and slightly soiled pieces—choice patterns—some marked $1.10 yd., tomorrow at **50c.**

All our fancy hemstitched linens, such as tray cloths, scarfs and center pieces, go tomorrow at half price—the $1.00 kind at 50c—the **50c kind at 25c.**

Toweling lengths—2 to 5 yds.—10,000 yds. in the lot—all at **half the marked prices.**

2,000 yds. muslins—bleached and unbleached—the 8½c and 10c qualities go at, yd., **5c.**

196 fine bed blankets—sanitary gray—full 11-4 size—also twin bed size, 10-4—marked $4.50 pair, tomorrow **at 2.19.**

11-4 blankets—sanitary tan, double fleece southern twill—marked $1.98 pair, tomorrow **at 98c.**

69 fancy slumber robes and couch covers—marked $1.25 each, tomorrow **at 59c.**

375 crochet bed spreads—some of the best made—full size—marked $1.19 each, tomorrow **at 58c.**

1,000 sheets—bleached and unbleached—double bed size—hemmed ready for use—marked 65c each, tomorrow **at 35c.**

Fine pillow cases—size 42x36 and 45x36 in.—full bleached—marked 18c, tomorrow **at 9c.**

Fine bed comforts—silkoline covered—fine white cotton filled—marked $2.25—tomorrow **at 1.29.**

Printed flannels for waists and house dresses—marked 15c and 20c yd., tomorrow **at 8½c.**

French flannels—all new printings—marked 35c yd., **at 39c.**

Plain white wool flannel for underwear and infants' skirts—marked 25c yd., **at 12½c.**

Printed flannels, outing flannels, etc.—odds and ends of our 10c and 12½c lines, tomorrow at, yd., **5c.**

Dress linings—spun glass, nearsilk, sateen, silk percaline, etc., black and colored—20c and 25c goods, tomorrow at, yd., **8½c.**

Fancy skirting sateen—marked 25c yd., tomorrow at **12½c.**

1/2 OFF Drugs

ALL perfume atomizers that have been marked 50c, 75c and $1.00, to go tomorrow at 25c.

All perfume atomizers that are marked up to 35c, to go at **15c.**

All boxed perfumes marked 25c, go at **12½c.**

All boxed perfumes marked 50c, go at **25c.**

All boxed perfumes marked $1.00, go at **50c**

50c toilet waters (Woodworth's) go at **25c.**

1/2 OFF Art goods

EVERYTHING in the art needlework department in the way of fancy goods, such as pin cushions, Renaissance scarfs, Irish point scarfs, pillow tops, glove and handkerchief boxes, burnt wood boxes, work boxes, etc.—most of the goods showing the effects of too much handling—all go tomorrow at just half **marked prices.**

Fancy pin cushions, glove boxes and all kinds of novelties, marked 25c, go tomorrow at half off, or only **12c.**

50c fancy goods go for only **25c.**

$1.00 and $1.25 fancy goods go for **48c.**

½ off handkerchiefs—

thousands of women's soiled and mussed handkerchiefs sorted on special bargain tables and offered tomorrow at half off the marked prices.

All the soiled and mussed handkerchiefs marked 5c go tomorrow at half off, or only **2½c.**

All the soiled and mussed handkerchiefs marked 10c and 15c go tomorrow for only **5c.**

All the soiled and mussed handkerchiefs marked 25c go tomorrow for only **12½c.**

½ off neckwear—

all the odds and ends of women's neckwear, neck ruffs, ties, collars, bishop stocks, etc., all more or less soiled and mussed, go tomorrow **at half the marked prices.**

Women's neckwear marked 25c goes tomorrow at half off, or only **12c.**

Women's neckwear marked 48c to 59c goes tomorrow at half off, or only **25c.**

Women's neckwear marked 75c to $1.00, goes tomorrow at half off, or only **48c.**

1/2 OFF Aprons

ANY Swiss apron in stock tomorrow at half the marked price. A large lot of women's, nurses' and maids' aprons, all more or less soiled, also go at half price tomorrow.

Silk petticoats—any lace trimmed taffeta silk petticoat in our entire stock (excepting only plain black) tomorrow at **half marked price.**

Women's underwear—a big table full of slightly soiled muslin gowns, skirts, drawers, chemises, corset covers, etc., tomorrow at **half marked prices.**

Fascinators—all soiled hand-knit shawl fascinators and hand-crocheted capes, go tomorrow at **half marked prices.**

Corset girdles for women, slightly soiled, also women's, misses' and children's waists, mostly all sizes—all go at **12½c.**

½ off infants' wear

CHILDREN'S bonnets—white or colored, marked 25c, go tomorrow at 12½c.

All babies' wrappers, in plain or hand-embroidered flannel and cashmere, go at **half marked prices.**

All babies' cloaks, in crystal, taffeta and Bengaline silk, both long and short, go at **half marked prices.**

Babies' dresses and skirts—a big counter full—long and short—flannel or nainsook; also hand-knitted and cashmere sacques—all slightly soiled, go **at half price.**

Union suits—odd lot of children's fleece lined union suits, also vests; marked 25c and 35c, all go tomorrow at **12½c.**

1/2 OFF Clothing

BOYS' suits—one counter of all-wool double-breasted and Norfolk suits without yoke, also vestee suits—all colors—at ½ off regular price, or **1.50.**

One lot of overcoats—fine all-wool Irish friezes and oxfords; also broken sizes in reefers and short box coats, ½ off the regular price makes the sale price **1.95.**

Young men's overcoats—fancy brown and olive all-wool materials—also heavy tan ¾ length box coats, sizes 33 to 36 only, ½ off sale price, or **3.75.**

Young men's overcoats—fine oxford, black and plain all-wool friezes, sizes 33 to 36 only, ½ off, **5.00.**

Young men's suits—all-wool black and fancy cheviots; also broken sizes up to 36 in. breast measure, ½ off sale price, or **5.00.**

1/2 OFF House coats

EVERY house coat, bath and lounging robe with the exception of the plain colors, at ½ off the regular prices.

Men's fine Austrian cloth bath robes—in rich Persian and floral designs, ½ off sale price, or **1.75.**

House coats—double-faced cloth, cloth bound and silk cord edge—all sizes, reduced to ½ price, or **2.50.**

Better house coats—also gowns and robes—all go at ½ price, $6.00 ones at 3.25; $8.50 ones at 4.25, and so on up to the $35.00 ones, which are reduced to **17.50.**

Mackintoshes for men—all wool blue and black and tan covert cloth mackintoshes, double-breasted, ½ off sale price, or **2.50.**

1/2 OFF Sweaters

BOYS' sweaters—fine all-wool, in all the good colors, also alternate striped; mostly sizes for boys 2½ to 10 years; more than ½ off the usual price; choice **38c.**

Men's all-wool sweaters—in plain or striped bottom, cuffs and neck, reduced to ½ price; choice **49c.**

Men's sweaters—all-wool and worsted, in white, striped, plain, etc.; all kinds and sizes; reduced to ½ regular selling price, or **1.25.**

Boys' boxing gloves—soft finished leather, well padded, ½ off sale price, or **49c.**

Columbia cylinder talking machine records—a large assortment—reduced to ½ price, or **15c.**

7-in. disc records—will fit any disc talking machine, ½ off sale price, or **5c.**

1/2 OFF Fancy vests

THE entire stock of men's fancy vests displayed in the men's clothing dept., goes tomorrow, without reserve or exception, at just half the marked prices.

1/2 OFF Wraps furs

THAT we sell more of these garments than any two Pittsburgh stores combined is an open secret. The fact of our having a proportionately large number of broken sizes and odds and ends will astonish nobody. If a fashionable jacket or fur for half its regular price is an object to you be on hand tomorrow.

Women's capes—kersey, velour or plush—medium, long or short—marked $6.00 and $7.00, go tomorrow at **3.00.**

Silk velour jackets—blouse shape—beautifully trimmed—marked $10.00 and $15.00, go tomorrow **at 5.98.**

Monte Carlo coats—in heavy peau de soie, taffeta or gros grain silk, marked $18.00, tomorrow **at 9.00.**

Women's long raglan coats or Newmarket coats—marked $6.00, tomorrow **at 3.00.**

Monte Carlo coats and short jackets, plain or with cape effect—kersey or cheviot—black or colored, marked $10.00 and $12.00, at half price, or **5.00.**

Women's jackets—27 in. or short box style, lined throughout, neatly strapped—marked $5.98, tomorrow **at 2.99.**

Shoulder shawls that have been selling for 25c go tomorrow **at 12c.**

Shoulder shawls—hand knitted of worsted wool—the $1.50 ones go at 75c—the 75c ones go at 37c.

Real seal jackets—fine Alaska seal, marked $150.00, tomorrow at half, or **95.00.**

Nice muffs—in fox or French stone marten—marked $1.98, tomorrow at half, or **99c.**

Persian lamb jackets, plain or trimmed with chinchilla or sable—marked $139.00, tomorrow at half price, or **69.50.**

Electric seal jackets—good quality fur—guaranteed lining, newest shape, marked $18.00, tomorrow at half, or **9.00.**

French marten scarfs—6 tails front—beautiful, fluffy and full fur, marked $1.98, tomorrow at half, or **99c.**

Fur scarfs—in French mink or electric seal—long or short effect with 6 fluffy tails in front, marked $1.69, tomorrow **at 84c.**

Fur scarfs—in Isabella or sable fox or mink, double or single length—marked $10.00 and $12.00, tomorrow **at 5.00.**

Fur capes—a lot of women's electric seal capes marked $15.00 go at 7.50—astrachan fur capes marked $10.00 go **at 5.00.**

Real chinchilla muffs marked $21.00 go tomorrow **at 10.50.**

Fur sets—misses' and children's fur sets in French mink or stone marten—marked $2.00, go **at 1.00.**

Fur sets—misses' and children's fur sets in thibet or angora fur—marked 98c, go tomorrow **at 49c.**

1/2 OFF Suits waists

ONLY those who have seen the big holiday rush on the cloak and suit floor can comprehend the large number of odds and ends and broken lines which are now on our counters. We propose to get rid of these goods quickly by offering them at half what they're marked. Here they go:

Shirt waist suits—fancy or plain—in velvet, corduroy, taffeta or fancy cloth, $22.00 ones go at 11.00; the $15.00 ones go **at 7.50.**

Women's suits—tailor made jacket styles—odds and ends of $6.00, $7.00 and $8.00 lines, all go **at 3.00.**

Women's suits—swellest tailor made jacket styles—marked $50.00 and $60.00, go tomorrow **at 25.00.**

Women's waists—black and white or blue and white checks—newest styles—marked $1.50, tomorrow **at 75c.**

Sateen waists—mercerized effects—marked 59c, tomorrow **at 25c.**

Flannel waists—all-wool French flannel, black and other shades, marked $1.39, tomorrow **at 70c.**

Silk shirt waists that have been selling for $3.50, $4.00 and $5.00, go tomorrow **at 1.75.**

Velvet waists and corduroy waists, marked $3.00 and $3.50, go tomorrow at **1.75.**

Heavy wash waists—cheviot, pique or fancy weaves—marked $1.98, tomorrow **at 98c.**

Separate skirts—dress and walking styles—marked $6.98 and $7.50, tomorrow **at 3.50.**

Misses' walking skirts—marked $1.50 and $2.00, tomorrow **at 75c.**

House wrappers—dark and light colors, marked 75c and 85c, tomorrow **at 37c.**

Children's walking coats in wool elderdown, angora fur trimmed, marked $1.50, tomorrow **at 75c.**

Girls' fancy dresses that have been selling for $2.50 go tomorrow **at 1.25.**

Separate skirts—for big girls and young ladies, marked $3.50, tomorrow **at 1.75.**

Girls' dresses in fancy plaids and checks, lined throughout, marked $1.25, tomorrow **at 62c.**

Girls' jackets and misses' jackets, marked $1.98 and $2.25, go tomorrow **at 99c.**

1/2 OFF Laces

OF course, those that go at half price are slightly mussed or wrinkled—but what's that? Surely nothing to you, who pay half and less than half the marked prices.

All the soiled and mussed embroideries and laces marked 10c yd., go **at 5c.**

All the soiled laces and embroideries marked 15c and 20c yd., go at **only 10c.**

All the soiled laces and embroideries marked 25c to 35c yd., go at **only 15c.**

½ off ribbons—

all the remnants and odd pieces of satin ribbons, taffeta ribbons and fancy ribbons go tomorrow at about **half the marked prices.**

10c and 15c ribbons, go at **5c.**

15c and 25c ribbons go at **9c.**

20c and 35c ribbons go at **15c.**

½ off trimmings—

odds and ends of all kinds of braid trimmings, gimps, bead trimmings, etc., marked 10c to 25c yd., all go tomorrow at **only 5c.**

25c to 35c trimmings go at **only 10c.**

50c to 65c trimmings go at **only 15c.**

75c to $1.00 trimmings go at **only 25c.**

½ off unmade robes—

the entire balance of our stock of beautiful black lace robes goes at **half the marked prices.** (In trimming dept.)

All the $19.00 robes, go at **only 9.50.**

All the $25.00 robes go at **12.50.**

All the $35.00 robes go at **17.50.**

½ off notions—

all the fancy hair pin cabinets, needle books, novelty tape measures, fancy hose supporters, etc., that are in any way mussed or soiled, go tomorrow **at half marked prices.**

1/2 OFF Pictures

OUR entire stock of framed pictures at half the marked prices. Just think of it! All kinds are included: etchings, autotypes, photogravures, water colors, platinum plate pictures in ebony frames, some in gold and other artistic frames—the popular medallions, too, large and small—landscapes, scenes of life and people, portraits, etc. You can have them all for just half what they are marked, and they are marked 'way below regular picture store prices.

1/2 OFF Men's wear

STRAY lots and lines, odds and ends and broken dozens of men's furnishings—come in tomorrow and take them for half the marked prices.

Neckwear—a miscellaneous collection of fine neckwear—tomorrow at just **half the marked prices.**

Men's suspenders—a lot of men's fine suspenders—put up in fancy holiday boxes, tomorrow at **half the marked prices.**

A lot of mufflers—the majority of them a trifle soiled—all to be closed out tomorrow **at half price.**

Men's handkerchiefs—slightly soiled or mussed—all kinds, including initial, colored border and plain white—all bunched in one lot and choice offered tomorrow for **only 5c.**

Men's handkerchiefs—a large lot, all perfectly clean and fresh, go in this half price sale tomorrow at **only 7c.**

Silk handkerchiefs—a lot of men's fancy silk handkerchiefs go in this half price sale tomorrow at **only 25c.**

1/2 OFF Hats

ALL men's former $1.50 hats, including the latest derbies, troopers, alpines and Panama shape soft hats—also all the odds and ends of our regular $1.90 soft hats—all go at 75c.

Winter caps—men's and boys' double pull-down band winter caps—all styles and materials—also silk lined golf caps, marked 75c, tomorrow **at 37½c.**

Toques—boys' and children's heavy and medium knit toques—all the latest club colorings, marked 39c, tomorrow at **only 19c.**

1/2 OFF Shoes

MEN'S slippers—tan and black goat and kid, hand sewed, light flexible soles, ½ off sale price, or **98c.**

Men's slippers—made of goat skin, also velvet slippers, special half off sale price tomorrow, **39c.**

Men's shoes—durable satin calf with heavy double soles, marked at half price tomorrow, **only 1.38.**

Boys' shoes—satin calf, heavy double soles, serviceable and will make good school shoes, price cut in two for tomorrow, **85c.**

Misses' and children's shoes—vici kid, lace style, patent tips, ½ off regular selling price makes the sale price **75c.**

Women's slippers—quilted satin and felt Juliet style, fur trimmed, ½ off sale price, or **75c.**

Women's shoes—box calf and vici kid, lace style, patent tips, light and heavy soles, ½ off sale price, or **1.23.**

Women's rubbers—high cut, storm style, all sizes, ½ off sale price, or **25c.**

1/2 OFF Rugs

INGRAIN carpet remnants and odd pieces, sufficient for two or three rooms, floral and set figure designs, ½ off sale price, or, yd., **22½c.**

Odds and ends of carpetings—Brussels, velvets and Axminsters, from 5 to 30 yds., also sample pieces of royal Wilton and body Brussels carpet, reduced ½ regular selling price, or, yd., **37½c.**

Mattings—Napier and grass mattings, 1 yd. and ¾ yd. wide, in green or red stripe, half price equals, yd., **25c.**

Linoleums—up to 20 yds., half off sale price, per sq. yd., **40c.**

Bath rugs—made of cork, half off sale price, each, **50c.**

9x12 ft. Brussels rugs, also reversible art rugs, good colors without miter corners, one-half off the regular price makes the sale price **10.00.**

Made-up rugs—made from Brussels, velvet, Axminster and Wilton velvet carpets, average size 8-8x12 ft., ½ off sale price, or **12.00.**

Moquette mats—also Smyrna rugs—½ off regular sale price, or **75c.**

Moquette rugs—27x63 in., in rich reds and pale greens, fast colors, ½ off sale price, or **1.75.**

Goat skin rugs—gray, black or white, size 33x66 in., reduced to ½ regular sale price, or **2.25.**

White angora wool rugs—long silky hair—70 in. long, 34 in. wide, ½ off marked price, or **4.50.**

Hearth size rugs—royal Bigelow, Wilton and Axminster, beautiful Turkish and Persian patterns—half off marked price, or **6.00.**

Smyrna rugs—5 ft. long, rich French and Persian patterns, guaranteed fast colors, ½ off sale price, or **2.43.**

1/2 OFF Curtains

ODD lots of lace curtains—we have gone through our stocks and picked out all the 1, 2 and 3 pair lots and some slightly mussed goods and marked them ½ **off regular prices.**

Nottingham lace curtains—50 to 60 in. wide, 3½ yds. long, real lace effects, also ruffled Swiss curtains with dainty borders, reduced to ½ regular price, or, pair, **1.00.**

Scotch lace curtains—heavy double thread, standard size, also ruffled net curtains with lace insertions and designs, ½ off regular price, or, per pair, **1.98.**

Cable net curtains—plain centers—antique or scroll borders, also real Irish point and antique lace curtains at ½ regular price, or, pair, **3.00.**

Real Irish point lace curtains—also Renaissance, Brussels and Arabian lace curtains, reduced like this:

$ 9.00 curtains,	½ off, pair,	**4.50.**
$12.00 curtains,	½ off, pair,	**6.00.**
$15.00 curtains,	½ off, pair,	**7.50.**
$20.00 curtains,	½ off, pair,	**10.00.**
$30.00 curtains,	½ off, pair,	**15.00.**

Nottingham lace bed sets—slightly soiled, average size 74x90 in., with 2 shams, ½ off marked price, or, per set, **1.00.**

Tapestry portiers—odd pairs, oriental, striped and satin derby effects, fringed top and bottom, 50 in. wide, reduced to ½ regular selling price, or, per pair, **1.95.**

Sofa cushions—a large table full, somewhat soiled, corded or ruffled effects, ½ off sale price, each, **98c.**

Note this exception: All cut glass at 25 per cent off

OUR entire stock of rich cut glass, both American and Foreign cutting (with the sole exception of table tumblers and glasses)—many of the choicest pieces from the American factories are represented—all offered at 25 per cent off our recognized lowest prices.

As this is an absolute closing-out sale, none of the above goods will be taken back or exchanged